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Middle East, Beirut was again the scene of heavy fighting with bombs, machine guns, rockets and mortars, as right-wing Phalangists and left-wing Muslims spread their battle across wider areas of the city. Police said at least 20 people had been killed since dawn (page 6). In Jerusalem, eight people — including two Swiss tourists—were slightly injured when a bomb exploded in a small city centre hotel (page 6).

Portugal, plagued by urban violence during the past year, witnessed a bomb attack on the offices of the centrist Popular Democrats (PPD) in the industrial town of Marinha Grande, north of Lisbon (page 4), and in Spain an explosion caused extensive damage to Valencia University's philosophy faculty.

From Northern Ireland came news that 31 people had been charged with terrorist-type offences—including murder, attempted murder and possessing weapons—during the past week alone. Sectarian shootings continued with the attempted murder of two Protestant mechanics in Londonderry. In a development arising from last week's car bomb in London which killed Professor Gordon Hamilton Fairley, police announced that they wanted to interview two young men seen getting into a taxi.

Irish Cabinet firm as kidnap siege drags on

From Christopher Walker and Stewart Tendler

Monasterevin

As the siege round the kidnappers of Dr Tiede Herrema moved into its second week of armed stalemate, Mr Cosgrave's coalition government remained united yesterday in its determination to resist all criticism of its strategy of waging a campaign of psychological attrition.

Confirmation of the government's inflexible stand against persistent outside offers of mediation and repeated demands for the release of Republican prisoners is confidently expected from a Cabinet meeting in Dublin today.

In spite of attacks from sections of the Dutch press, the tactics of the Irish police and army retain the support of the Netherlands government. Dutch diplomats have taken up residence in a hired caravan in Monasterevin, co Kildare, less than 200 yards from the upstairs room where Dr Herrema was still being held at gunpoint last night.

Although there has been no change in police tactics it is believed that a radio jammer has been added to the array of electronic equipment brought from Dublin and London because of senior detectives' fears that the two kidnappers, Eddie Gallagher and Marian Coyle, had been listening to reports on the BBC and Irish radio.

News bulletins on Radio Telefis Eireann have been censored and the BBC has an informal agreement with the authorities over its coverage; but detectives regard as more important the psychological effect of withholding all accounts of the incident from Mr Gallagher.

Although conditions in the upstairs rooms have deteriorated badly, it is believed that Mr Gallagher has battered down partition walls, enabling the occupants to use the lavatory without coming in sight of detectives armed with sub-machine guns.

Londonderry shootings: The attempted murder of two Protestant mechanics in Londonderry yesterday were condemned by both the Anglican and Roman Catholic Bishops of Derry, Dr Eames and Dr Daly.

The first victim was shot as he left his workshop in Strand Road. A few seconds earlier two men had arrived by car and, as they walked towards the garage, one was heard to say: "That's him." They opened fire and the mechanic, aged about 30 and married with a family, fell wounded in the chest and back.

Within five minutes there was another shooting farther along Strand Road. Two men went into a garage and fired two shots at a workman, wounding his thigh and arm.

Dr Eames said: "Elsewhere in the province we have seen already how the flame of violence is fed by such actions as these." Dr Daly said: "This is the kind of hatred and retaliation we had hoped would never come to Derry."

UVF shot soldier: The Ulster Volunteer Force yesterday admitted responsibility for the shooting of a young soldier at Lurgan, co Armagh, on Sunday night. The soldier has a serious stomach wound.



President Ford and President Sadat listen to the playing of national anthems in the White House grounds yesterday.

Bank confident after market shrugs off Slater, Walker fears

By Our Financial Staff

Fears that the abrupt departure of Mr Jim Slater from Slater, Walker Securities, his investment banking group, might precipitate a serious upheaval in financial markets proved unfounded yesterday.

While the stock market in London opened with the *FT* ordinary share index 10.2 down at one point yesterday, most of the lost ground had been recovered by the end of the day when the index closed 2.7 down at 354.0.

A spokesman for the Bank of England, which has been closely involved in ensuring that a powerful new team stepped into the Slater, Walker boardroom to fill the gap left by Mr Slater's resignation and to maintain confidence in the banking sector, said last night that the Bank "is content at today's reaction to Friday's moves".

In Paris, Mr James Goldsmith, a close friend of Mr Slater who has taken over as chairman of Slater, Walker, said that he would be returning to London today for a series of meetings with Slater executives.

He expected that the first full meeting of the new board, which now includes representatives from the leading City merchant banks, Hambros and Rothschilds, would take place later this week.

The Bank of England will continue to take a close interest in the affairs of Slater, Walker as the new board begins the task, expected to take four months, of producing up-to-date balance sheet information.

The Bank will certainly either choose or approve a new chief executive at Slater, Walker, the post which Mr Goldsmith has taken on temporarily.

Dealings in Slater, Walker shares yesterday passed off more easily than feared. The ordinary shares closed at 37p a net 2p above Friday's final quotation, with turnover "active" but not exceptionally so.

There was also some nervous selling of shares in other companies in which SWS holds stakes, on the fear that a reorganization might mean realization of some assets: Lubok Investments, where Mr Slater disposed of part of his personal stake some weeks ago and from which he has also resigned as chairman, fell 31p to 16p.

It was "business as usual" for Slater, Walker's £180m unit trust group. There have, however, been a flood of inquiries from unitholders and redemptions of £250,000 yesterday were double what they would normally be on a Monday. On the other hand, a few buyers were notched up as well.

Mr Brian Banks, managing director of Slater, Walker Investments, confirmed yesterday that the managers were pursuing a policy of full investment in the group's 44 unit trusts. *On Friday Mr Goldsmith asked* the group to continue with its management policies unchanged for the time being.

A similar picture emerges with the group's £50m private client business. There have been many inquiries but so far

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The Puerto Rican group, known as the Armed Forces for National Liberation (FALN), has claimed responsibility for previous terrorist acts, mainly in the New York area, including an explosion at a restaurant in the Wall Street area in January killing four people and injuring 44 others.

A note found in a telephone booth said that today's explosions were to commemorate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the "revolution in Puerto Rico against Yanki domination". It demanded immediate independence for the island and the unconditional release of five Puerto Ricans convicted in the 1950s.

A spokesman for the National Westminster Bank said it was a "pure coincidence we were hit".

The other banks affected were two branches of the First National City and one of the Chase Manhattan in New York. In Chicago, the bombs exploded outside the Continental Bank, an International Business Machines building, and the Sears Tower.

Passions are inflamed by Goncourt

Paris, Oct. 27.—Cultural passions over the Prix Goncourt, France's most coveted literary prize, have always been heated. Now they have exploded in violence.

A petrol bomb went off yesterday outside the home of M Francoise Mallet-Joris, a member of the Academie Goncourt committee, which selects the annual prize winner and has in the past been criticized for its choice.

Last week, another committee member, M Michel Tournier, had paint poured over his head after he left the restaurant where the prize-giving ceremony is held.

The petrol-filled bottle was set alight next to a gas pipe at Mme Mallet-Joris's home, but firemen quickly brought the blaze under control and no one was hurt, police said today.

Tracts were found on the staircase proclaiming: "Free the Goncourt. Goncourt corruption. First warning."

This year's winner of the Prix Goncourt will be announced in three weeks' time. —Reuter.

Mr Sadat welcomed by President as 'friend'

From Fred Emery

Washington, Oct 27

President Sadat of Egypt was welcomed to the White House today by President Ford as "a personal friend". Mr Sadat, who is the first Egyptian leader to pay a state visit to the United States, expressed profuse gratitude for American help in arranging the Sinai disengagement and the opening of the Suez Canal.

He and his delegation had come "with open hearts and open arms". He vowed to the American people: "We shall always work for peace together."

Hearing such effusive statements the observer could reflect that it was almost exactly the second anniversary of the nuclear alert called by President Nixon to counter an airlift of Soviet troops to the Egyptian side in the 1973 war.

President Sadat came to the Ellipse by presidential helicopters bringing him and his party from Williamsburg, Virginia.

In a television interview Mr Sadat told Americans of his requests to President Ford for a long-term arrangement for the supply of arms. He added that relations with the Russians were so bad that he did not again expect them to give him help.

The Egyptian delegation could savour today the military welcome the Americans do so well. An announcement over loudspeakers heralded the President and Mrs Ford. But heralding President Sadat were the fanfare trumpeters on the south balcony staircase.

General George Brown, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, and Dr Kissinger, the Secretary of State, were prominent in the receiving line among assembled Cabinet and government dignitaries. Mr Sadat waved happily to the crowds of invited officials and their families.

President Ford told Mr Sadat: "Our objectives coincide with yours". He added: "Your sincerity and your moderation and your wisdom have made an impact" on all Americans who had met him.

He added that the visit's overriding purpose must be to ensure that progress towards peace in the Middle East did not stop. "The process must move to new fronts and new issues".

The two leaders immediately began discussions. After one hour Mr Sadat left to give an address at a luncheon of the National Press Club.

In their talks, the two leaders got down to the arms issue, according to spokesmen for both sides, with President Ford agreeing to convey Egyptian requests for aid to Congress. Mr Sadat claimed at the Press Club lunch that he had not come with an arms "shopping list", but he said he had "a marvellous exchange" with President Ford.

Spaniards stirred by Franco life struggle

From Our Correspondent

Madrid, Oct 27

The condition of General Franco was said to be "stationary" in a communiqué issued at El Pardo palace here shortly after 5 pm. The 82-year-old ruler had been resting normally, it was said.

A previous bulletin, issued about three hours earlier, described the situation as "still serious". But even that was a slight improvement over earlier bulletins which had used the word "critical" to describe the dictator's state of health.

In any case, unofficial medical sources said it was not expected that he would pull through. Any such minor changes in his condition were only variations in a graph which was gradually headed downward.

As tension heightened over General Franco's prolonged, though apparently vain, struggle for life in Lugo, northwest Spain, the sub-machine gun of a civil guard went off by accident today inside a police barracks as a new shift was about to go on duty. A fellow policeman was killed and another wounded.

This was at least the second accidental police killing in less than three weeks. On October 8 security police fatally gunned down two colleagues and three innocent people in a Barcelona gunfight which started with an exchange of fire at night between political extremists and security police.

In his last hours, the octogenarian dictator is inspiring Spaniards to a more avid taste for news than at any time during his 36 years rule. Newspapers carrying the latest communiqués on his health have hit record circulation figures. One paper with a normal circulation of about 70,000 distributed 350,000 copies last Saturday.

Apart from the police shooting there was another incident showing how tension is rising. In Madrid a gang of right-wing demonstrators interrupted a Brecht play at the Lara theatre. For more than 20 minutes the actors had to hold back their lines as the demonstrators whistled, jeered and shouted fascist slogans.

Angered at the interruption, the public hurled back insults at the demonstrators to such an extent that it was impossible to hear anything being said. Police arrived and hustled the right-wing shouters out into the street.

In Valencia University, an explosive device smashed windows and caused other damage at the faculty of philosophy and letters early today.

Running out of things to say about General Franco's illness, the Spanish national radio in its regular news bulletins resorted to quoting at great length from foreign newspapers reporting on the dictator's illness.

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Mrs Williams hints at subsidies going beyond food

By Our Political Staff

Subsidies going wider than food were hinted at in question time in the Commons yesterday by Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection.

Asked whether she would legislate for a price freeze of essential commodities, Mrs Williams answered that she would soon begin to negotiate with representative bodies "for a programme of selective price restraint by a range of goods of special importance in family expenditure". The programme would start to operate "when it is clear that the pay limit is being effectively observed".

Replying to Mr Robert Cryer, left-wing Labour MP for Keighley, Mrs Williams commented: "I would like a price freeze." She added that she was doing her best to see that cost reductions were reflected in prices.

An order made yesterday by Mrs Williams ensures that cuts in retailers' buying prices of bread will be passed on fully to customers. It also provides that retailers will not be able to charge more for standard bread because it is sold in a plastic wrap rather than a waxed wrap.

Price regulation orders are operating for bread, butter, cheese, tea and household flour.

In another Commons reply Mrs Williams said the Government was urgently considering a further reference to the Monopolies Commission over the wholesale price of petrol. Mr Walter Johnson, Labour MP for Derby, South, had said: "The stupid price-and-gimmick war is reaching ridiculous proportions." The effect was to increase the cost of the product.

Mrs Williams said: "The major oil companies are ceasing their policy of selective discount as from the end of this month.

"We are urgently considering the possibility of a further reference to the Monopolies Commission and, together with Mr Benn, Secretary of State for Energy, we are considering inquiries into the reduction of wholesale prices for petrol."

Consumption of petrol in August was 7 per cent below that of August 1974, she said. Our Industrial Correspondent writes: Leaders of Britain's 2,000 independent petrol retailers last night welcomed Mrs Williams's announcement of a possible reference of wholesale petrol prices to the Monopolies Commission and her remark that her department was considering with Mr Benn inquiries into the reduction of wholesale prices for petrol.

Mr Geoffrey Atkinson, secretary of the Petroleum Retailers' Association, said his association was encouraged that Mrs Williams appeared to have taken up two of the points it had made in a report to the Government last month.

The association has expressed anxiety at the effects of the petrol price war on retailers, and says that petrol stations have been closing at the rate of at least ten a day.

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Vietnam ban on Koestler books

Saigon, Oct 27.—The Information and Cultural Ministry today banned 500 books by 56 authors, including Alexander Solzhenitsyn's *The Gulag Archipelago* and the writing of Arthur Koestler.

The aim is to eradicate "anti-communist psychological warfare" and books arousing "sex inspiration", officials said. More books are to be banned in the second phase of the prohibition programme.—UPI.

Student clashes

Tokyo, Oct 27.—One student died and seven were injured today in clashes between rival radical groups in Tokyo and in the Chiba prefecture near by.

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Threatening letters: Mrs Sheila Buckley, who is facing charges with Mr John Stonehouse, MP, has been receiving threatening letters. Her counsel said in court yesterday. Some were "distinctly menacing in tone" (Report, page 4)

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Contrary to much recent speculation, local authorities may exceed their budget for the present financial year by less than 1 per cent.

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Headlamp order

The Minister for Transport yesterday laid before Parliament regulations under which drivers must use headlights at night from November 17, irrespective of whether a road has lighting.

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MPs on the air

The final form for permanent broadcasting of the House of Commons will be discussed in detail when Commons Broadcasting subcommittee meet BBC representatives today and the Independent Broadcasting Authority on Thursday

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£26m Herbert aid

Over £26m is being spent by the Government in rescuing the ailing Alfred Herbert machine tool group. Of this amount £1.18m is allocated to paying out ordinary shareholders at 6p a share. £25m is for shares in a new state-owned concern

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HOME NEWS

North-west militants try to swing 11 hospital regions behind '9 to 5' day for junior doctors

By John Roper
Medical Reporter

Militant junior hospital doctors in the north-west, not prepared to wait for the result of the British Medical Association ballot on their new contract, have asked 11 other regions to indicate by Friday whether they would work only from 9 am to 5 pm daily.

The move is the more serious because it is led by a member of the BMA hospital junior staff committee which negotiated the contract and which is now organizing a national ballot of junior doctors. Mr Wasily Sakalo, an Australian and chairman of the BMA North-west juniors' committee, said yesterday that the ballot papers were still with the printers; it would be the end of November before the voting figures were known.

"We want a quick, concise answer", he said. "The national ballot is asking too many questions. What we want to know is whether our minimum requirements will be met."

Mr Sakalo, a surgical registrar at Birch Hill Hospital, Rochdale, said his action committee had instructed him to telephone regional representatives at Belfast, Edinburgh, Newcastle, Oxford, Ipswich, London, Plymouth, Bristol, Liverpool, Sheffield and Leeds.

"I have asked them to let me know by Friday how many junior doctors are prepared to support the North-west in the motion that by 9 am on Monday, November 10, we will provide emergency cover only on a 40-hour week until satisfactory negotiations have been concluded."

His action committee wanted a 40-hour week and realistic pay for overtime.

Mr Sakalo said that the 40 junior staff in Rochdale, covering 1,000 beds in two hospitals, were now working from 9 am to 5 pm. They were prepared to exceed those hours for a realistic payment, £11 for a four-hour period.

Mr Derek Teasdale, a consultant and chairman of the medical committee at Rochdale, said most senior staff supported the juniors. Consultants were now "covering" in Rochdale at night. That meant that clinics and operating sessions had to be curtailed, because consultants could not do a day's work, cover for junior staff at night and do another day's work next day.

Mrs Castle, Secretary of State for Social Services, will meet doctors' leaders tomorrow, but she made it clear in the Commons yesterday that she was not prepared to provide more money.

Oxfordshire action: Junior hospital doctors in Oxfordshire began a one-week emergency-only service yesterday; admissions to the Radcliffe Infirmary have been cancelled (the Press Association reports).

Similar action started yesterday at Ipswich, Peterborough and Stamford, Lincolnshire, but Torbay junior doctors postponed plans to handle emergencies only, saying they did not wish to prejudge the outcome of national and local discussions.

Mr John Pardoe, Liberal MP for Cornwall, North, yesterday drew a parallel with last year's miners' strike. That was as much about politics as money, he said. "So is the doctors' strike".

Mr Pardoe said in a statement: "The miners were determined to defy the policy of the elected government; so are the doctors".

Neither dispute would have reached such fever pitch if pursued for cash alone. "It was the politics of the miners' strike that put fire into its belly. It is the politics of the doctors' strike that is making it so effective".

Behind the grumbles about cash was discontent about the way successive governments had starved the National Health Service and about Labour's determination to end pay beds.

"There is nothing very socialist about wishing to draw a clear line between public and private medicine. It is time the doctors realized that they cannot have their cake and eat it."

Nurses protest: More than 50 nurses lobbied Mrs Castle and other MPs at the Commons yesterday in protest at the pay cut for agency nurses working in National Health service hospitals from £1.52 an hour to about £1.14. **Photograph, page 4**

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Attempt to limit council powers over children

By Pat Healy
Social Services Correspondent

The Government will attempt today to reverse amendments to the Children Bill when it reaches its remaining stages in the Commons.

The Government is strongly opposed to two amendments passed during the committee stage. The first affects the notice to be given before natural parents can remove their children from foster-parents; the second gives local authorities more power to assume parental rights over children in care.

The amended clause involving the notice that parents require to give before removing a child from foster care, proposed that two days' notice should be given for a child in care for up to six months: seven days for 12 months, or 28 days for a longer period. The Government proposes to restore the original clause giving 28 days' notice for all children who have been in care for six months or more.

The second amendment would add to the conditions under which councils can assume parental rights the power of doing so "when the child's emotional needs and development warrant it, and when the child's development would be impaired or stunted if returned to his parents".

The amendment, introduced by Mr A. W. Stallard, Labour MP for Camden, St Pancras, North, is similar to a clause in the Children and Young Persons Act, 1969. If it were carried under the Children Bill, it would be subject to administrative procedure by a local authority, and not directly to the courts.

The Government opposes the amendment because of difficulties in defining "emotional needs" and "stunted", and because the Bill already provides for the child's welfare. It is also concerned that the amendment would change the reason for removing a child from its natural parents from the parents' capacity to care to the child's needs in isolation from its family.

Local authorities are required to review the case of each child in care once every six months. The Bill provides for earlier initial reviews.

Bomb victim 'sensed life would be short'

The widow of Professor Gordon Hamilton Fairley, one of Britain's leading cancer experts, who was killed by a terrorist bomb on Thursday, said yesterday: "I feel no bitterness.

"We, as family and friends, pray that his assassins and others may see the wastefulness of his and all other similar deaths, and that the rest of us in this wonderful world will learn something invaluable from our own personal and terrible loss."

Mrs Daphne Fairley, a speech therapist and an artist, was visiting China when the bomb was planted almost outside her home in Campden Hill Square, Kensington, London. It was meant for Mr Hugh Fraser, MP, who lives next door.

She said: "We know there are many people in all walks of life who are doing just as much or more in society than he [Professor Fairley] did. We just want it known that if people talked more about these good people, more people might be able to imitate them, become a little more like them and perhaps become a little less materialistic and a little happier."

She spoke of her husband's sense that his life would be short. He had cancer 10 years ago. Nobody was told except the immediate family and a few people at St Bartholomew's Hospital. We didn't even tell the children until quite recently. He had recovered.

"If it came up in conversation he told his patients if he felt it would help them. He always felt that his life was going to be short. I think the cancer made him realize what life was about. He lived life to the full . . . and more."

She said her husband's cancer had no bearing on his decision to devote himself to research. "It was his own choice, but the decision was taken as a family. It was a great financial sacrifice, but Gordon was not materialistic in any way. He had a fantastic devotion to medicine.

"We are really only talking because we want people to know the 'Gordon' principle of living in both medicine and home life. . . He would not understand there could be any difference, made to anyone because of race, creed or social standing. It just would not occur to him".

Mrs Fairley said that her husband probably died because of a puppy the couple found in a dustbin.

"My husband was out walking our two dogs, Emi-Lou and Bini, and I am sure it was Bini who nosed under the car and triggered off the bomb. We found Bini in our dustbin at Christmas, when the refuse strike was on. We called her Dustbin, shortened to Bini. Right from the start she was always rushing around, looking into everything—just like my husband."

She added later: "We just want something good to come out of this. We feel the whole thing is so senseless. Perhaps it may take the wind out of the sails of the people who do this sort of thing."

Girl jailed for storing arms for 'the Jackal'

Carlos Martinez, the international terrorist who has been dubbed "the Jackal", used his romantic relationship with a Spanish waitress in London to store hand grenades, pistols, bombs and ammunition in her flat, the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Maria Angeles Otaola Baranca, aged 23, was jailed for 12 months after admitting the arms charges. She was described by her counsel, Mr John Hazan, QC, as "a naive young girl presumed upon by an international terrorist with great charm, skill and persuasion to do something which is entirely out of character for her".

Martinez, who has been likened to the professional killer in *The Day of the Jackal*, after shooting three men in Paris, had used their relationship to persuade Miss Otaola to store arms, Mr Hazan said. When she realized the extent of what she had been asked to do she was horrified.

Miss Otaola, of Hereford Road, Bayswater, admitted possessing three pistols and ammunition and a pen gun to fire gas, without a certificate. She was jailed for 12 months concurrently on each charge.

Mr Michael Corkery, for the Crown, said that last June two French security officers and a Lebanese were shot dead in Paris.

Señor Romero Sánchez, a Venezuelan, otherwise known as Carlos Martinez, was now being sought by the police for the killings. Martinez was connected with an international organization.

The Crown's case was that although Miss Otaola must have realized that Martinez's activities were illegal and revolutionary it was doubtful whether she knew all that was involved.

Miss Otaola travelled to England in 1973 to learn English while working in restaurants and clubs. She and Martinez became lovers. Then she met a man called Barry Woodhams.

Just after Easter Mr Woodhams met Martinez at Miss Otaolo's flat. About a fortnight later Mr Woodhams noticed a case, which Miss Otaolo said belonged to Martinez.

Miss Otaolo later admitted to the police that Martinez had left the bag there about April, 1975, telling her it contained guns. According to Mr Woodhams, Martinez shut himself in the dining room on three or four occasions. Miss Otaola explained that he was putting things into or taking them out of his suitcase.

Mr Corkery said the Crown could not say that Miss Otaola also knew she was storing explosives and grenades. That had not been alleged that she possessed those items.

Miss Otaola told detectives that she had received a letter from Martinez after the Paris shootings, saying, "I shall Chiquitin to a better life than being a traitor" (a reference to the dead Lebanese).

Det Supt William Warnock said there was no evidence that Miss Otaolo belonged to a terrorist organization. As a result of her help to the police her life might be in danger.

Mr Hazan said the best thing for Miss Otaolo would be for her to be sent home. Sentencing her, Mr James Miskin, QC, Recorder of London, said he accepted that she was not a terrorist. "But particularly at this time, both the strong and the weak must be deflected from housing dangerous firearms."

Film institute says it has spent year's grant

By Our Arts Reporter

There was never any question of the British Film Institute's having failed to spend the full amount of its grant for the year ended last March, Lord Lloyd of Hampstead, chairman of the institute, says in its annual report, published today.

The Treasury withheld £157,000 of the institute's grant as "unspent money" and that had led the chairman says, to much misunderstanding, which had not been helped by misleading and tendentious statements made and published from time to time.

The Companies Act required that the affairs of a company should be conducted on an income and expenditure basis and that any commitments incurred in a given financial year should be treated as part of that year's expenditure. The institute had conducted its affairs on that basis since its inception; no difficulty or complaint had been raised, until recently, that that form of accounting was incompatible in any way with the rules covering Treasury grants.

"It must be clearly stated and understood that there was never any question whatsoever of the institute having failed to spend, in any ordinary sense of that term, the full amount of its grant during the year ending March 31, 1975. On the contrary, the whole of its grant was fully committed and spent by the end of the year", he writes.

From the Treasury point of view, £157,000 remained unspent, covering a large variety of items, although the whole of that sum was fully committed and indeed spent.

Detailed figures had been supplied to the minister responsible for the arts to satisfy him that the institute's cash position was such as fully to justify an application for a re-vote. Talks were taking place to obviate a recurrence of any similar difficulty in future.

Few coach services to run on Boxing Day

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff

Travel by public transport in many parts of the country will be impossible on Boxing Day. No trains will run and National Express coach services will be cut out in some areas and severely curtailed in others.

National Express said yesterday that hardly any services from south-east England would operate. No coaches would run from the South-west or South Wales, and short-distance journeys from London would be virtually cut out. There would be a skeleton service on some long-distance routes.

British Rail's decision to run no trains in England and Wales on Boxing Day was attacked yesterday by Mr Ray Buckton, general secretary of the Associated Society of Locomotive Engineers and Firemen (Aslef). He said it could be the forerunner of worse to come, with no trains running on any Bank holiday.

Aslef had been told nothing officially about the decision, he complained. Many people attended sporting events on Boxing Day or visited relatives because there were no trains on Christmas Day. "It is very nice for our members, but a bad move for passengers", he said.

British Rail said yesterday: "Because Boxing Day is on a Friday this year the number of people we would expect to travel does not justify opening up the system". London Transport said it would run a curtailed bus and Tube service on Boxing Day.

Pupils turned away: Hundreds of schoolchildren from the Vale of Leven area of Dunbartonshire abandoned attempts to reach school yesterday after railmen banned them from trains (the Press Association reports).

More than 500 pupils of two high schools in Dumbarton were banned by unions at the weekend after three months of complaints about vandalism

Sikh wants to take crash helmet case to Lords

Mr Baldev Singh Chahal, a Sikh, wants to take his campaign against the crash helmet law to the House of Lords.

Mr Chahal, of Narrow Lane, Downley, Buckinghamshire, was found guilty by Wycombe magistrates yesterday of riding his moped without a crash helmet, and fined £20.

Mr Chahal was represented by Mr G. Singh, a solicitor, who said their aim was to take the case to the Lords. Mr Singh did not challenge the police evidence and told the magistrates: "This is merely to put this in writing so that we can take it further."

Mr Chahal said: "I am not allowed to wear anything except a turban by my religion, and everyone is allowed freedom of religion in this country."

Mrs Doris Rich, chairman of the magistrates, said: "We are only here to prove that you were not wearing a crash helmet."

'Investment contract' proposed

By Our Political Staff

An "investment contract" to complement the "social contract" was proposed by the shadow Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Geoffrey Howe, when he looked ahead yesterday to Mr Wilson's conference on industrial strategy with the TUC on November 5.

Sir Geoffrey, speaking to the Economic Research Council in London, said that "connoisseurs of Wilsonian gimmickry" would be tempted to condemn the new initiative in advance. But if the economy was to recover and private industry was to play any part, "then the restoration of confidence between Government and industry is of the utmost importance".

He made seven suggestions for the right kind of investment contract:

There must be no flinching in the determination to overcome inflation; and 15 per cent inflation must not be treated by the Government as a false dawn;

The public sector must be required to consume a smaller share of the nation's wealth, because the overhang of huge public spending threatened the Government's entire financial strategy;

As soon as possible, the burden of high direct taxation on wealth creators must be lightened, and corporate profits should be taxed on a realistic and not an inflated basis, while money was found soon to help those in the poverty trap;

Profits from efficient and competitive enterprise had to be increased. "Dividend control is of no practical value; the present pattern of price control, which serves to destroy profits, has now become positively counterproductive";

Persistence of restrictive practices must continuously be challenged, and those who manage investment institutions must be encouraged to play a more active role;

Finally, "We need to produce a simple and imaginative plan for increasing the stake of ordinary citizens in the success of our industry and free enterprise institutions", with employee participation given an effective meaning.

Sir Geoffrey also delivered a warning against the consequences of import controls.

Sir Geoffrey criticized large-scale economic planning conducted by the National Economic Development Office and the Civil Service.

He delivered his sharpest criticism against Mr Wedgwood Benn's deindustrialization thesis, pointing out that employment in the public sector had risen by one million in the last 10 years, while that in private industry had gone down by an equivalent amount.

Higher profitability was necessary if the City was to be induced to invest more heavily, he said. Removal of restrictions, including "price control, redundancy payments, taxation of profits, location decisions" would improve returns on capital.

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Challenge on freedom of the press

By Our Political Correspondent

Discussions between Lord Goodman and other lawyers about the "freedom of the press" amendments to the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Amendment) Bill continued yesterday but no conclusions have been reached about the next move in the Lords.

The debate was adjourned on October 20 because of doubts about the legal application of the proposed charter to safeguard an editor's right to publish any article.

Lord Goodman's original amendment, carried by 125 votes to 48, provided that the obligation to comply with the charter would be a duty owed to any person who might be affected by a contravention of it, and any breach of that duty by industrial action or otherwise would be actionable.

That the Commons refused to accept, but Lord Goodman on October 20 won majority support for an amendment considerably strengthening the provisions concerning editors' freedom and contributors' access to the press. But his new amendment on the charter's legal application was regarded as defective by some of the lawyers in the Lords.

Lord Goodman confirmed yesterday that he had not withdrawn his proposed amendment on which the debate should be resumed. It states that any rule or agreement contrary to the charter's provisions shall be deemed contrary to public policy, and that nothing in the charter shall be taken to restrict any right existing by common law. That wording could be revised to make its application clearer and to satisfy the lawyers' criticism.

Lord Carrington and the Conservative peers whom he leads are anxious for some conclusion to the long discussions over that amendment. It was being made clear yesterday that if Lord Goodman failed to offer an improved proposition, the Conservatives would revert to the original amendment.

That direct challenge to the Commons could lead to a declaration by Mr Foot, Secretary of State for Employment, that the Government will invoke the Parliament Act in the next session to ensure that the Bill, as the Government wants it, gets on to the statute book after only six months' delay.

Tories press for early Cabinet pledge on devolution

By Our Political Editor

Conservatives yesterday joined Scottish Labour MPs who are pressing the Prime Minister to confirm that the Cabinet will fulfil its intention to bring in legislation early next year to create Scottish and Welsh assemblies.

Mr Malcolm Rifkind, MP for Edinburgh, Pentlands, and a Conservative frontbench spokesman who abides by his party's official policy, wrote to Mr Wilson yesterday a letter betraying his anxiety about speculation that the Cabinet is divided and that senior ministers have doubts and reservations.

"These rumours", he wrote, "could be scotched only by an immediate statement from yourself, in the name of the whole Cabinet, that the Government intends to introduce legislation establishing a Scottish assembly early in 1976, and that there is no question of departing from this position. . . .

"All parties are publicly committed to supporting such an assembly. It is vital that when the White Paper is published it should propose an assembly whose composition, powers and structure could command widespread bipartisan support."

After emphasizing that many English MPs were only beginning to take an intense interest in devolution and that their support must be maintained, Mr Rifkind pressed for "an unqualified and categorical assurance that government policy on devolution remains unchanged". He added the hope that the Government's proposals would be moderate and reasonable enough to command support from all sides of the House.

In spite of his support for the official Conservative line on devolution, dating back to Mr Heath's commitment in Perth in 1968, Mr Rifkind recently wrote in *Crossbow*, journal of the Bow Group, that "the devolution question has also been seriously affected by the (EEC) referendum and the implication of continued British membership of the community". Clearly, he wrote, the result was a massive defeat for the nationalist parties in Scotland and Wales.

He added that it would be wrong to see the EEC referendum as a rejection of devolution or a mandate for dropping the assembly proposals: "While the nationalist shibboleths were disposed of and the essential unity of interest in Britain demonstrated, few voters in Scotland and Wales were expressing a view on devolution, and any interpretation to the contrary could have serious consequences involving a revival of nationalist support."

Leader adviser: Mrs Thatcher has appointed Sir William McEwan Younger, a former Scottish Conservative Party chairman, as her personal adviser on Scottish policy. Mr Michael Ancram, former MP for Berwick and East Lothian, has been appointed vice-chairman of the party in Scotland. (The Press Association reports).

SNP aims, page 3

Tory MP 'will do £4,500 tree job for £450'

A Conservative MP submitted his own private tender yesterday to replace dying trees outside the House of Commons at a tenth of the price the Government intends paying.

Mr Nicholas Fairbairn, MP for Kinross and West Perthshire, says he can save the taxpayer £4,050 and still make a 200 per cent profit for himself. Last night he sent a telegram outlining his offer to Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment.

Mr Fairbairn was told in the Commons last week that replacing the lime saplings would cost about £4,500, paid by the Department of the Environment.

Mr Fairbairn has offered to supply and plant 104 limes for £450, giving him a £300 profit.

"If the minister can bear to make a profit I will split it with him", he said.

Orly disrupted by lunch-hour strike

Paris, Oct 27.—About a thousand striking Air France employees demanding higher pay disrupted operations at Orly airport today with an hour-long lunch-time demonstration in the passenger terminal.—UPI.

Shot child dies

Robert Poole, aged three, was shot in the head by an air pistol as he played in a neighbour's house near his home in Mossblown, Ayrshire, on Friday, died yesterday in a Glasgow hospital.

Playland judge attacks sale of pornography

Fining a man who pleaded guilty to possessing obscene magazines for gain, Judge King-Hamilton said at the Central Criminal Court yesterday: "This stuff is really dreadful. It gets on to the market and has made certain parts of the West End the sink of iniquity."

The judge, who tried the Playland vice ring case, added: "This leads to all sorts of sexual offences and corruption of young people".

Raymond William Brown, aged 30, of Hillingdon Street, Walworth, who pleaded guilty to possessing 921 magazines and 49 books for gain, contrary to the Obscene Publications' Act, was fined £250 and ordered to pay his legal costs up to £364.

The judge told him: "It is clear you knew the risks you were taking and I cannot help taking the view that you were prepared to take the risks because of the rich rewards".

But because Mr Brown pleaded guilty and the trial had hung over his head for two years, the judge said: "I am going to take mercy on you that you don't really deserve".

Christmas turkey prices up by half

By Hugh Clayton

Sharp price rises were announced yesterday for Christmas turkeys and many frozen foods. Sir Henry Plumb, president of the National Farmers' Union, said: "Everyone should remember that there has been no price increase for the past two years despite enormous increases in costs."

Mr Colin Cullimore, managing director of the Dewhurst chain of butchers' shops, predicted that most frozen turkeys would cost between 41p and 46p a pound, compared with 28p to 34p last year. The number of turkeys produced for Christmas was a tenth lower than last year but the reduction was wholly accounted for by frozen birds. There would be 500,000 more fresh turkeys.

Birds Eye and Findus announced widespread rises of 10p in the pound or more. A 12oz packet of Birds Eye beef in gravy will rise by 1p, and 10 Findus fish fingers by 1½p.

Some of the sharpest increases are on frozen chips because of the high price of potatoes. Birds Eye added 3p to a 12oz pack of chips, raising them to 22½.

The Ministry of Agriculture said yesterday in its weekly crop report that the potato harvest was well advanced with little disease. The size of the crop had improved slightly in some areas.

Hospital man gets £500 over alleged theft

A hospital porter was awarded £500 damages by a jury at the High Court in Leeds yesterday for false imprisonment over an alleged theft from a corpse.

Mr Ernest Collins, aged 45, of Forest Crescent, Illingworth, Halifax, had sued the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, claiming damages for false imprisonment by Det Inspector Raymond Berry and Det Sergeant Albert Symonds.

Mr Charles Whitby, QC, said the officers took Mr Collins from Halifax Royal Infirmary to a police station. He was kept there for four hours. According to the officers, they believed that he had stolen or received a small quantity of tea and sugar found in his hospital locker.

But that was a "sham", he said. They were investigating the alleged theft of a wallet and cash from a dead body, but had no evidence that he was responsible.

Anti-abortion nurses' plea to committee

Proper protection for nurses who felt unable to take part in abortion procedures on the ground of conscience was called for last night in a memorandum submitted by the Royal College of Nursing to the Commons select committee on the Abortion (Amendment) Bill. The RCN took the view that the decision about whether an abortion should be performed was essentially a medical one.

It was especially concerned that abortions should be carried out under conditions that ensure safe and adequate care of the patient, while at the same time not imposing unreasonable strains on nursing staff.

The memorandum added: "Distress can be caused to patients and staff when patients in hospital for infertility tests are nursed in wards with patients admitted for abortions."

Bomber's father is denied bail

Patrick Conlon, father of Gerard Conlon, who was jailed for his part in the Guildford public house bombings was refused bail when he appeared at the Central Criminal Court yesterday, accused of possessing explosives, his application was on health grounds.

Parents complain to House of Lords

By Our Education Correspondent

Thousands of parents in the north of England have flooded the House of Lords with letters after hearing that the House has abandoned its plan to defeat the Government's direct-grant school policy because of lack of parliamentary time.

Mr Francis Crowley, secretary of the Catholic Direct Grant Action Committee, said yesterday: "People are absolutely incensed". In a letter to Mrs Thatcher, Leader of the Opposition, he said: "We are shocked and feel betrayed since the report in *The Times* last Friday that the Lords are not able to place a prayer against the new direct-grant regulations. It suggests that education was only of minor significance to politicians."

Mr Crowley said that Mr Michael Kirk, a Liverpool docker, had written to Lord Belstead: "I am not an educated man and I have not written to a lord before but I am doing so to ask your help." He says that he has two children at direct-grant schools and that he is willing to sacrifice money for their education.

Another letter from a working-class undergraduate Mr G. McGrath, of Liverpool University, says he is concerned about educational standards and individual freedom of choice.

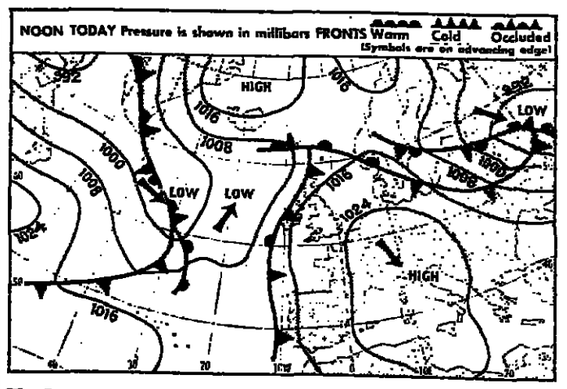
At least five thousand letters from Crosby, Liverpool, Birkenhead, Blackburn, Bolton and Bradford had been sent to 40 members of the House of Lords, including Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Lord Butler of Saffron Walden, Lord George-Brown, Lord Carrington, Lord Elton and Lord Belstead.

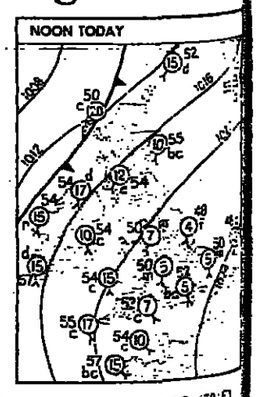
Jewish-Catholic concord

The Chief Rabbi, Dr Immanuel Jakobovitis, and Cardinal Heenan yesterday spoke of their hope for closer understanding between the Jewish community and the Roman Catholic Church.

Dr Jakobovitis looked forward to more awareness among Roman Catholics of Jews as a people with a homeland in Israel, and Cardinal Heenan referred to the common Jewish-Catholic attitudes to many moral difficulties facing society.

Weather forecast and recordings





Today

Sun rises: 6.46 am. Sun sets: 4.42 pm
Moon sets: 1.31 pm. Moon rises: 12.1 am
New moon: November 3.
Lighting up: 5.12 pm to 6.15 am.
High water: London Bridge, 6.21 am, 6.2m (20.4ft); 7.7 pm, 6.3m (20.6ft); Avonmouth, 12.11 pm, 10.5m (34.3ft); Dover, 3.35 am, 5.6m (18.4ft); 4.40 pm, 5.5m (18.0ft); Hull, 11.27 am, 5.9m (19.4ft); 11.40 pm, 6.1m (20.1ft); Liverpool, 4.19 am, 7.6m (24.9ft); 4.45 pm, 7.8m (25.6ft).

A ridge of high pressure will cover much of England, while a trough over NW districts will move slowly E.

Area forecasts:

London, SE, central S, E, NW, central N, NE England, Midlands, Channel Islands, East Anglia: Fog in many places at first, sunny periods, dry; wind S, light or moderate; max temp 15° to 16°C (59°F to 61°F).

SW England, Wales, Lake District, Isle of Man: Cloudy, perhaps drizzle at times, some brighter spells; wind S, moderate; max temp 13°C (55°F).

Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, Moray Firth: Brighter periods, cloudier later, perhaps drizzle; wind S, moderate; max temp 13°C (55°F).

SW, NE, NW, Scotland, Glasgow, central Highlands, Argyll, N Ireland: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle; wind S, moderate or fresh; max temp 11°C (52°F).

Orkney, Shetland: Cloudy, rain, mainly dry later, brighter intervals; wind SW, moderate or fresh; max temp 10°C (50°F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Thursday: Some rain at first, chiefly in N and W, sunny intervals, overnight fog in SE, temperatures near normal.

WEATHER REPORTS YESTERDAY MIDDAY: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

	C	F		C	F		C	F		C	F
Algiers	s	24	75	Cologne	c	9	48	Lisbon	s	18	64
Amsterdm	c	7	45	Copenhgn	c	8	46	Locarno	s	21	70
Athens	s	21	70	Dublin	r	14	57	London	s	15	59
Barcelona	s	23	73	Edinburgh	c	13	55	Luxembrg	c	9	48
Belfast	r	13	55	Florence	s	18	64	Madrid	s	26	79
Berlin	c	4	39	Funchal	s	22	72	Majorca	s	20	68
Biarritz	s	19	66	Gibraltar	s	18	64	Malaga	s	24	75
Birmingham	r	12	54	Guernsey	s	15	59	Malta	s	21	70
Bristol	r	13	55	Helsinki	c	2	36	Manchstr	c	11	52
Brussels	s	7	45	Innsbruck	s	15	59	Moscow	c	0	32
Budapest	s	19	66	Istanbul	s	17	63	Munich	c	5	41
Cardiff	r	13	55	Jersey	s	16	61	Naples	s	20	68
								Nice	s	19	66
								Nicosia	c	28	82
								Oslo	r	10	50
								Paris	c	6	43
								Reykjavik	c	5	41
								Rome	s	20	68
								Ronidsvy	c	12	54
								Stockholm	r	11	52
								Tel Aviv	s	27	81
								Venice	s	18	64
								Vienna	s	16	61
								Warsaw	c	6	43
								Zurich	c	5	41

Yesterday

London: Temp: max. 6 am 11°C (52°F); 3 pm, 17°C (63°F); min. 6 pm, 6 am, 9°C (48°F). Humidity 6 pm, 87 per cent. Rain, 24 hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun, 24 hr to 6.5 hr. Bar. mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,030.7 millibars, rising.

1,000 millibars=29.53in.

Overseas selling prices

Austria, Sch 13; Belgium, Fr 12; Canaries, Pes 30; Denmark, Kr 2.50; Finland, Fmk 2.50; France, Fr 2; Germany, Dmk 2.00; Greece, Dr 35; Holland, Dfl 1.75; Italy, Lire 350; Lebanon, L£ 2.50; Madeira, Escudos 20; Malta, 6p; Norway, Kr 2.50; Portugal, Esc 20; Spain, Pes 30; Sweden, Kr 2.50; Switzerland, Sfr 1.75; Yugoslavia, Din 20; Canada, $1.00.

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adlamps rule could rease dangers on ad, police chief says

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ld be wrong to take a with people's lives by ead with laws forcing s to use headlights on s at night, Chief Supt wland, secretary of the Superintendents' Asso- of England and Wales, terday.

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ters to Mr Gilbert, Mr l writes that members e had had time to con- l, almost unanimously, ions about the proposed ons. "Their view is y change in the law a proper evaluation of ossible consequences would be not in the best interests of the public.

"Some damage will undoubtedly be done in the police/public relations field. There are, I am sure you are aware, a lot of people who believe that the compulsory use of headlights is not necessary, and it is these who will vent their wrath on the police officer, who will be seen acting for the establishment over an issue about which there seems virtually no evidence to presume that the road casualty figures will be reduced."

Our Motoring Correspondent writes: Opposition to the measure was voiced yesterday by the Association of Optical Practitioners. It said pedestrians, particularly the elderly and infirm, would find glaring headlamps very confusing when trying to cross the road, and that might lead to more accidents.

It also thought that the extra hazard to motorists from dazzle caused by the glare of intense light from headlamps would outweigh any benefit of greater awareness of parked vehicles or oncoming traffic.

The association did, however, believe that headlamps of less intensity than the lamps fitted to most cars would be a useful safety factor.



The London borough of Camden opened its "Pictures to take Home" exhibition yesterday. They are part of the borough's collection available on loan to people using Camden's libraries.

Uncertainty holds up trawler building

From Ronald Kershaw
Leeds

The determination of the future structure of the British fishing fleet depends heavily on the present talks between Britain and Iceland and the kind of agreement that eventually emerges, the British Trawlers Federation said last night. No new vessels have been ordered by trawler owners for the past year, a representative said, and until Britain knows where she will be fishing and for what length of time it will not be known what type of vessels, distant, home or middle water, should be built.

A little over a year ago there were 375 vessels in the British fleet. There are now fewer than 300 and numbers are still declining. That has been caused in part by catch limitations in most northern waters, including the restrictions imposed by Iceland after the last "cod war", but in the main by the enormous increased cost of fishing brought about by rising oil prices.

Fuel prices have trebled during the past 18 months and are still rising, so that in fuel alone a trawler spends £4,000 a trip. Fishing gear, nets and the like made from man-made fibres, which come from petrochemicals, have risen with fuel, and losses of bottom trawls at £3,000 a time are commonplace.

By the time wages are paid, and with other operational costs it is reckoned that about £1,500 a day is the cost of distant-water fishing. A voyage of 20 days means that at least £25,000 has to be covered before a profit is made.

"Some grossings have been as low as £18,000, so that the point has been reached on recent trips where a loss of £3,000 is considered a good trip", the federation said yesterday. Small wonder that trawlers are being laid up.

s Arrowsmith le over ershot arrest

aff Reporter

Pat Arrowsmith, the mer for pacifism, said ry she intended to sue ire police for false im- ent after her arrest in or on October 19 while ting leaflets calling for ithdrawal of British from Northern Ireland.

Arrowsmith was d under the Prevention orism Act. No charges ade. The police seized and released her on il to return to Aldershot station on December 1.

as now received a letter r Douglas Osmond, Chief le of Hampshire, saying of the leaflet showed did not advocate mem- of a proscribed organ- She was therefore not d to attend the police

Arrowsmith said she sue because she was im- d for four hours and ed for explosives. The "condemns the violence ides".

Three chained to Monument are remanded

By a Staff Reporter

Three members of the "Free George Davis" Campaign who chained themselves to railings at the Monument, London, on Friday, wer each remanded on bail of £20 yesterday until November 27, at Mansion House Court Justice-room, charged with insulting behaviour.

They are Mrs Rosemary Davis, wife of Mr Davis, Miss Beverley Chambers, aged 21, and Martin Walker, aged 28.

Mr Davis, a minicab driver, of Belton Way, Bow, is serving a 20-year sentence imposed on conviction of taking part in an armed robbery, of which, the campaign members say, he was innocent.

Direct-grant call

Mr Norman St John-Stevas, opposition spokesman on education, urged local councils yesterday to save money by allowing children to take up places in direct-grant schools because the fees paid qualify for rate-support grant.

Scottish nationalists prepare for devolution—IV

How the SNP has set out to win over the uncommitted majority

Ronald Faux looks at the party's battle to take control of the local authorities

The fundamental question raised by the Scottish National Party is: what real appetite is there in Scotland for independence? Is the Labour Party's calculation that a significant degree of home rule will satisfy the majority of Scots correct? An SNP official said: "It is true that only a minority support us all the way, but it is a growing minority. If the recession bites deeper still and the contrast between Scotland as a part of the United Kingdom and our own view becomes even more vivid more people will start to see things our way."

Sandwiched between the two extremes on devolution are 55 per cent of Scots who wish to see a moderate degree of decision-making moved from London to Edinburgh. It is this group that the Government must satisfy and the nationalists must successfully court. The party hopes to do so by playing a greater part in local politics; in the new district and regional councils and particularly in the elections for the Scottish assembly.

Until recently many nationalists argued that it was a waste of money and effort, and even dangerous to become too involved in local politics. Parliament was the place where the SNP could best achieve its ambitions. Some of the parliamentary seats won last year were in areas with little SNP representation in local government.

The attitude is changing. Parliamentary seats without a good foundation of local government support are likely to be resting on thin ice, and the recent local by-election near Edinburgh in which the SNP captured 48 per cent of the vote in a strongly Labour area indicated the remarkable results that can be achieved.

Mrs Margo Macdonald, party vice-chairman, said: "We have to become more involved locally. We cannot say we are a grass-roots party and refuse to take part in the grass roots of politics. That has been our weakness up to now. Apart from that we can score because in the west, particularly, the Labour Party has let people down.

"On our campaign we asked people who showed signs of wanting to vote nationalist, why; and out came a tumble of resentment, chauvinism, pride and hope. Rents and rates were rising and local services were growing worse. Labour had given them a reason for rejecting the old loyalty and in some places we inherited the avalanche."

Cumbernauld, the new town in the Forth-Clyde valley, is an example of what can happen when people are moved from slum tenements in Glasgow into a new town environment. Ironically they do not always thank the party that provided them with their new homes by voting for it. There is a trend towards nationalism. The SNP took control of the Cumbernauld local authority eight years ago and has been in control ever since. In East Kilbride, the oldest of the Scottish new towns, the picture is similar and the SNP is within one seat of an overall majority on the council. In both towns Labour was once in firm control. Building upon local government success, the SNP has won the parliamentary seat of East Dunbartonshire, which covers most of Cumbernauld.

Mr Gordon Murray, Provost of the Cumbernauld and Kilsyth District, said: "We have shown we can operate more than acceptably in local government. In the time we have been in control the town has doubled to 40,000, and we are still voted back.

"The secret is community politics, ensuring that people receive what they are entitled to and keeping the contact as close as possible. The fact is that our rates are the lowest in Strathclyde apart from two areas of Glasgow, which have no council housing. Cumbernauld has 4,500 local authority homes. We also claim that our rents are certainly among the lowest in the region while the amenities here are the highest. These are the things people are interested in, not party dogma."

Mr Murray thought there was every chance of the SNP's "growing out" from these areas, but at the last elections for the district and regional seats too few party members were interested in fighting. They would have to change their attitude, for it would be essential now to win strong representation in the Scottish assembly. One problem in future might be the Strathclyde Region which, he said, was already showing signs of the strain of top-heaviness and inflexibility, which the best will in the world could not improve. "There used to be 21 councillors representing 21,000 people. Now seven councillors represent 40,000 and services are much slower to act, things take longer to repair.

"Of course, there are problems in the party and differing views. In East Kilbride, for example, there are seven new SNP councillors, none of them with any previous experience of council politics. Their eight opponents are all more experienced but the honest will is there, and the example will spread."

The nationalists have a wary relationship with the Scottish establishment. There are no formal "conversations" between the party and the Church of Scotland, although the Kirk claims to be among the forerunners of those pressing for devolution without separation.

It came to the Kilbrandon conclusion on devolution 40 years before the commission began thinking about the subject, and the Kirk's general Assembly is the nearest thing to a Scottish parliament there has been since the union. The Kirk has never actually condemned the SNP for demanding independence, but has consistently disagreed with it. "We don't knock the other chap", a spokesman declared. "We do not believe a Scottish assembly will be usurping the function of our own assembly, but it will be duplicating it in some ways."

Perhaps the SNP may fit comfortably within the ancient and modern assemblies of Scotland, allowed to develop its own independence theme. The party dislikes the "separatist" label. The word is considered too ugly, and it is argued that it does not correctly describe what the SNP wishes to see in Scotland.

Mr Michael Spens, an architect and regional planner, of Cleish Castle, Kinross, said: "The party is moving along social democratic lines, since it has agreed to make the assembly work, and not along strict separatist lines. It is more logical to work through the assembly aiming ultimately at independence and constitutional sovereignty within whatever larger unions are necessary: EEC, Nordic Union, Comecon, etc.

"A small country can do this and become openly flexible in its negotiations rather than tied restrictingly to one. It would be a sophisticated type of independence, perhaps like America and Canada, with England and Scotland sharing mutually valuable trading arrangements.

"The reason I joined was because I became convinced after working in Scandinavia and observing other countries closely and Scotland from farther off, that Scottish problems were not being solved in spite of the Toothill report of 1961 on the Scottish economy and the efforts to attract foreign investment and to get international companies to establish branches here. The policy had simply not worked, and these new industries themselves became vulnerable to boom and slump. With independence I believe that Scotland would have the power and the ability to organize her industries and her economic base and her social life through her own institutions.

"The country would not then rely on decisions taken in Westminster, or ultimately in Brussels, that did not take full account of what was best for Scotland. It is clear now that the poverty and depression in Scotland, which even North Sea oil cannot dispel, must be solved soon and as a result of the country's own decisions and on her own terms."

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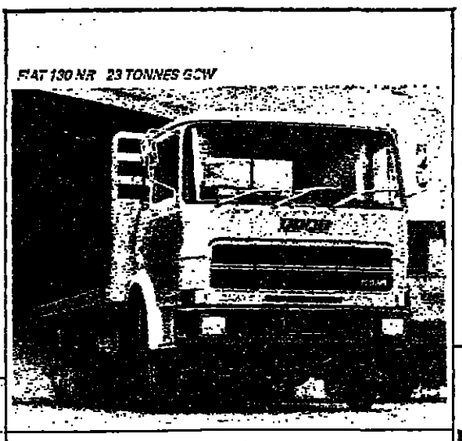
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HOME NEWS

Overspending by local authorities may be less than was feared

By Christopher Warman
Local Government Correspondent

Local government, accused of vastly overspending its budget for 1975-76, may in fact have allocated less than 1 per cent over the amount predicted.

That was the latest indication as information from the 456 local authorities in England and Wales was gathered by the local authority associations and the Department of the Environment. Mr A. C. Hetherington, secretary of the Association of County Councils, said yesterday. The final figure would not be known until next summer.

The amount of local government's overspending is crucial as the negotiations over the Government's rate-support grant reach their conclusion. Mr Hetherington said the growth allowed for this year was 4 per cent, and there had been various estimates that it exceeded that by as much as 6 per cent. The latest figure the Government was considering was that local authorities had over-committed themselves by 2 per cent.

It was on that basis that Mr Crosland, Secretary of State for the Environment, ordered a standstill in expenditure next year; councils were thought to have used up the 2 per cent growth they would otherwise have had.

Local authority associations are now arguing in the negotiations, whose outcome will be known on November 21, that a small element of growth should be restored to the grant. "Certainly a standstill will mean a reduction in local government services", Mr Hetherington said.

The last indications for this year were that council expenditure was only 4½ to 5 per cent over the base figure, less than 1 per cent above the permitted growth, and hence "remarkably close to the desired figure".

The local authority associations still await an announcement on the contentious question of whether cash limits will be imposed on council spending. Mr Hetherington pointed out that extra spending on wages and salaries incurred by local government is already subject to a limit. The Government has made clear that it will grant additional aid on salary increases only within the £6 a week limit.

The association's social services committee is pressing for a delay in the implementation of the Children Bill, which it estimates would cost £10m to put into effect.

There is also concern at the delay in bringing capital schemes into use. The association believes, for example, that the saving made by delaying the opening of an old people's home already built can be overestimated. Savings from staff salaries, heating and other costs might be offset by the cost of vandalism.

Time wasted on desk work officers told

By Our Local Government Correspondent

Environmental health officers in local government were doing too much paper work, Mr John Marriott, president of the Environmental Health Officers' Association, said yesterday. He told the annual environment health congress at Eastbourne that all qualified officers should be employed productively on work requiring their special skills and expertise.

"The new administrative systems of many authorities do not encourage this", he said. "Far too much time is being devoted to committee and desk work and too little to the real jobs waiting to be done. . . .

He believed that much financial saving could be achieved by a mandatory cut in paper work. "It is certain that the service would not suffer, as it is doubtful whether a fraction of the material produced is ever really digested," he said.

Mr Marriott made his remarks in the light of the serious staff shortage in the profession. The average shortage was 19 per cent among environmental health officers, technical assistants and students, rising to 27 per cent for officers in the metropolitan districts. Although there had been a small improvement in recruiting it was far short of the need, and many local authorities had no students under training.



Nurses protesting outside Parliament yesterday against NHS pay cuts for agency nurses.

In brief

Dog shoots its owner

Mr Michael Kelly, aged 26, of Great Jumps Farm, Erringden, West Yorkshire, was shot in the chest and badly wounded by his dog yesterday.

He laid his shotgun on top of a wall while he climbed over and his red setter, scrambling up at the same time, put its paw on the trigger. Mr Kelly staggered back to the farm and was taken to Halifax Royal Infirmary, where his condition later was satisfactory.

Jet waits for pop star

Passengers seated on a Quantas jumbo jet to Australia, were kept waiting at Heathrow for three quarters of an hour yesterday, because Mr Paul McCartney, the former Beatle, and his family overslept.

Industry cleared

Experts have reported to the Welsh Office that there is no risk to human health from heavy industrial metal pollution in the Swansea, Neath and Port Talbot areas.

Rail crash victim

Mrs Janet Mackie, aged 17, of Rosetta Road, Peebles, was named yesterday as the woman killed when a relief locomotive ran into a stationery express near Arbroath on Sunday.

Dial cricket for pop

From next Monday Londoners will be able to listen to new pop record releases by dialling 154, the Test cricket telephone number.

WEST EUROPE

French Socialists and Communists resent constraints of alliance

From Charles Hargrove
Paris, Oct 27

There were new signs today that the spectacular Socialist success in the Châtellerault by-election a week ago has placed the Union of the Left under increasing strain. The Communist Party has multiplied its attacks and insinuations against its Socialist allies and the controversy is spreading to the trade union movement.

On Thursday night M Georges Marchais, the Communist secretary-general, speaking at a public meeting on public liberties, his party's latest hobbyhorse, came close to accusing M Francois Mitterrand, the Socialist leader, of offering his services to President Giscard d'Estaing.

Two days later M Roland Leroy, a member of the Communist Party secretariat, and Editor-in-Chief of *L'Humanite*, the party's newspaper, returned to the charge and stated in an interview: "The Union of the Left would be threatened if the domineering tone of the First Secretary of the Socialist Party were allowed to develop unchecked.

"It would be intolerable if the Socialist Party were in a position to govern France, but were unable to govern itself. If M Mitterrand means to govern France with the leading team of the Socialist Party, as he says, that means he excludes his natural allies, signatories of the common programme of the Left."

M Gaston Defferre, the mayor of Marseilles who is chairman of the Socialist parliamentary party, put the cat among the pigeons by declaring at a public meeting of the town council: "There is a common programme of which the Socialists are the faithful signatories, but there is no municipal common programme".

He was replying to the leader of the Communist group in the council, who had supported the idea of a national agreement on common lists of the left for the municipal elections of 1977. M Defferre was, in fact, elected mayor with the support of centrist votes and in many other municipalities. Socialists were elected with centrist support.

"It is possible", M Defferre continued, "that in some cities, we shall set up common lists and that in others we shall not. That will depend on many things, notably on the atmosphere which reigns between Socialists and Communists.

"Therefore, the attacks or violent criticisms Georges Marchais has made these last few days against François Mitterrand are not such as to encourage us to set up common electoral lists with you."

M Defferre also pointed out that, in all councils where Socialists and Communists had been elected on the same lists, the Communist Party leadership had given its members orders not to vote the budgets, leaving it to the prefects to impose them.

Replying today to M Defferre, who has always been suspected by the Communists of favouring a centre-left coalition without them, M René Andrieu, the editor of *L'Humanité*, wrote that M Defferre's statement gave much cause for concern, especially when the Government was stepping up its anti-communist campaign.

Did not the common programme constitute an overall policy for government and at other levels? Did this mean that local government was a special preserve where Socialist leaders could continue to ally themselves, against the Communists, with the forces of the right?

The trade union movement is now caught up in the controversy. Two days ago, at the meeting of the national council of the Confédération Française Démocratique du Travail (CFDT), which has close links with the Socialist Party, M Lesire-Ogrel, a member of its executive committee, asked the question openly: "The Union of the Left and its cement, the common programme, survive formally. But what are the facts?

"The quarrel between the Socialists and Communists has led each camp to consolidate its positions and indulge in verbal outbidding.

"The trouble is that the game only entertains the politicians. The workers do not understand. The controversy does not involve real problems. The Left does not provide solutions to problems of the moment, so it is no longer credible."

M Edmond Maire, the Secretary-General of the CFDT, today issued an appeal to the rival Confédération Générale du Travail to put an end to the quarrel, but he also criticized the "hegemonic behaviour of the Communist-led organization". The common programme of the Left was no longer adapted to the realities of 1975, and should be revised, he said.

This is something the Communists have always opposed, presumably for fear that the Socialists would try to weaken some of its more constraining aspects: or that, if it were so much as touched, it would fall apart.

M Maire denied that the CFDT was espousing the standpoint of the Socialist Party. "There must not be any transposition on the union plane of the political controversy", he said. "This would be senseless."

25 hurt in motorway fog crash

About 25 people were taken to hospital yesterday after a crash in thick fog on the M62 near Brighouse, West Yorkshire. Visibility was reduced to about 30 yards.

A police officer said: "It would appear to be a case of motorway madness. People were just ignoring the speed warning signs." One driver said people were trapped in their cabs and other motorists scrambled up the motorway banks to escape.

"It was like a battlefield", he said. "You can't really describe it unless you have lived through it. People were just driving too fast for the conditions."

Mr Richard Clark, general manager of a service station, said: "Drivers were going by at 60 mph, even though there was a 20 mph speed limit".

Traffic ban on trial

A pedestrians-only scheme was introduced in Ipswich town centre yesterday for a three-month experimental period. Five streets are closed to all traffic except buses, taxis and vehicles for the disabled, from 9.30 am until 4.30 pm.

Union chiefs concerned at 'disruptive action' by peers

By Our Labour Staff

Trade union leaders made clear to senior ministers during a meeting of the TUC-Labour Party Liaison Committee yesterday that they were concerned at the "disruptive action" by the House of Lords in delaying the implementation of aspects of the legislative programme.

The meeting was attended by Mr Wilson, Mr Foot, Mr Callaghan and Mr Healey. Dissatisfaction over the blocking action of the Lords came mainly from Mr Jack Jones, general secretary of the Transport and General Workers' Union, and Mr Hugh Scanlon, general secretary of the Amalgamated Union of Engineering Workers.

The ministers expressed their confidence that in spite of the peers' attitude, "rapid progress" was being made to get the Employment Protection Bill, the Trade Union and Labour Relations Bill, the Land Bill, and the Industry and Oil Bill on the statute book.

Research fund inquiry call

The Scientific Documentation Centre at Dunfermline, is to ask Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, to set up an inquiry into the system of referees who decide who receives government research funds.

Dr Peter S. Davison, director of the centre, said yesterday that the secret way that decisions on grants were taken by the British Library Research and Development Department apparently contrasted with local and parliamentary government procedures where financial interests had to be disclosed.

Teacher jailed for fraud

Geoffrey Peake, aged 31, former head of history at a Lowestoft school, was jailed for three years at Norwich Crown Court yesterday for embezzling £1,140 from the parent-teacher association, of which he was treasurer.

Mr Peake, of Barnstaple, Devon, pleaded guilty to 16 charges of forging withdrawal forms to obtain money from the association's fund. The court was told he spent the money on entertainment, books, clothes, frequent visits to London and a holiday in Canada.

Assurances on school meals

By a Staff Reporter

Leicestershire education authority has assured Mr Mulley, Secretary of State for Education and Science, that in spite of temporary difficulty in providing all children with school meals in the city, children known to be entitled to free meals will receive them immediately. Mr Mulley has passed on this information to Mr Frank Field, director of the Child Poverty Action Group, who originally revealed that some Leicester children were not receiving school meals.

In reply to a written question from Mr Tom Bradley, Labour MP for Leicester, East, Mr Mulley said that measures to meet the situation at two schools where the waiting lists for school meals had been substantial were "under urgent consideration" by the authority, and the position at other schools was being reviewed.

Park tunnel scheme

A £3,650,000 by-pass, with a tunnel under Petworth Park, to relieve traffic congestion at Petworth, was recommended to West Sussex County Council yesterday by its roads and planning committees.

Threatening letters sent to Mrs Sheila Buckley

Mrs Sheila Buckley has been receiving threatening letters, it was stated yesterday at Horseferry Road Magistrates' Court, London, where committal proceedings are being heard against her and John Stonehouse, Labour MP for Walsall, North.

Mr Gerald Gordon, her counsel, said: "During the course of this hearing various newspapers have reported, quite properly, the present address of Mrs Buckley. As a result of that she has received a number of letters, many of them extremely unsavoury in character and some of them distinctly menacing in tone".

He said it was obviously too late to direct that her address should not be published, but he wanted to emphasize that the letters were an extra strain for her.

Mr Kenneth Harington, the magistrate, replied: "I am very shocked to hear this. I think it is quite disgraceful and I am sure the press will have sympathy with it and will not refer to her address again".

The hearing was beginning its third week. Mr Stonehouse faces 23 charges, including theft, conspiracy and fraud, and Mrs Buckley faces six charges.

Mrs Mayella Penny Zandstra, of Highfield House Hotel, Fitzjohn's Avenue, Hampstead, the hotel's reception secretary, said that on October 24 last year Mrs Buckley went to the hotel to arrange for a room. She was accompanied by a man. The man told her he wanted his wife to have somewhere to stay while he was away.

Mrs Zandstra said she could identify Mrs Buckley but not the man. Mrs Buckley stayed at the hotel from October 30 until December 10.

Asked if she particularly remembered any telephone calls received by Mrs Buckley, Mrs Zandstra said: "I only remember one call for her, at seven in the morning. It was from Copenhagen".

Mr David Tudor Price, for the prosecution, read a statement by Det Chief Inspector Barbara Tilley. In it she said she went to see Mrs Buckley at 26 Dover Street, Westminster, last December 23.

Mrs Buckley said Mr Stonehouse had appeared to be preoccupied before he disappeared. She had then said, without prompting, that he was dead.

She added that she had received a telephone call from him before he disappeared and that he had sounded happy.

Chief Inspector Tilley said that Mrs Buckley did not seem to be upset or distressed about Mr Stonehouse's apparent death.

Mr Tudor Price then read a statement by Chief Supt Kenneth Etheridge. In it he said he had interviewed Mrs Buckley at the end of January at the Devon Motel, Exeter. He showed her copies of four letters which had come into the possession of the Melbourne police and asked her whether she had written them. She replied that she had.

He told her that the first letter had been written at a time when, as far as everyone else knew, Mr Stonehouse was missing and presumably dead. It was also written to him in the name of D. C. Mildoon.

Mrs Buckley said that a few days after the report that Mr Stonehouse was missing, she had received a telephone call from him. She said: "My intuition told me from a variety of examples of his behaviour that he was still alive. He sounded upset and I asked him whether to tell his family that he was alive, and he said 'No'."

It was arranged that he would get in touch with her again by telephone.

She had told Mr Etheridge: "I was confused because I knew from the press reports that his passport had been found among his effects in Miami. He told me he was now using the name Markham and he had a passport in that name. He asked me to let him know what was happening press-wise in the UK.

"He told me he was worried about the use of the name Markham. He had therefore adopted the name of Mildoon. He asked me to write to him in that name."

Mr Etheridge said he questioned Mrs Buckley about the use of a code in the letters. She said the code was not prearranged. She had used it in case the letters were opened by someone else.

A reference to "Uncle Harry" had in fact meant the Prime Minister, Mr Harold Wilson, at a time when he had made a statement in the House about Mr Stonehouse.

Mr Etheridge said Mrs Buckley told him she believed that something had happened to Mr Stonehouse mentally. He had turned from a rational and logical politician to an irrational and illogical person.

Mrs Buckley also said she could not see why she could be involved and Mr Etheridge pointed out that she was a director of Stonehouse companies. She replied: "If he goes down on those cheques I will go down with him."

The hearing continues today.

Baader-Meinhof trial will resume today

Stuttgart, Oct 27.—The trial of four alleged leaders of the Baader-Meinhof terrorist group will be resumed in Stuttgart tomorrow, after a one-month adjournment.

The break had been ordered to consider defence lawyers' protests against the exclusion of the defendants. The court decided at the end of last month to continue the trial without the defendants after medical experts had ruled that they were fit to be in court only for limited periods.

Their exclusion was justified because they had brought their bad health upon themselves through hunger strikes, the court said.

Andreas Baader, Ulrike Meinhof and two others face multiple charges in connexion with murders, bombings and bank robberies at the beginning of the 1970s.—Reuter.

Mild swing to the left in Swiss election

Berne, Oct 27.—A mild swing to the left during Switzerland's worst recession since 1945 today seemed certain to reestablish the Socialists as the strongest single party in the lower house of Parliament.

But the shift, emerging from voting that ended yesterday, was unlikely to cause any important changes, because of the Swiss system of proportional representation and traditional power-sharing among the four main parties, including the Socialists.

After a campaign dominated by economic issues, the Socialists looked set to pick up at least six more seats in the 200-member lower house, the National Council, for a total of at least 52.

But the Socialists seemed sure to more than recoup their losses in the 1971 election, when they dropped five seats, and to edge back ahead of the Radicals, a liberal-leaning centrist group, as the biggest party. The Radicals have lost three seats so far.

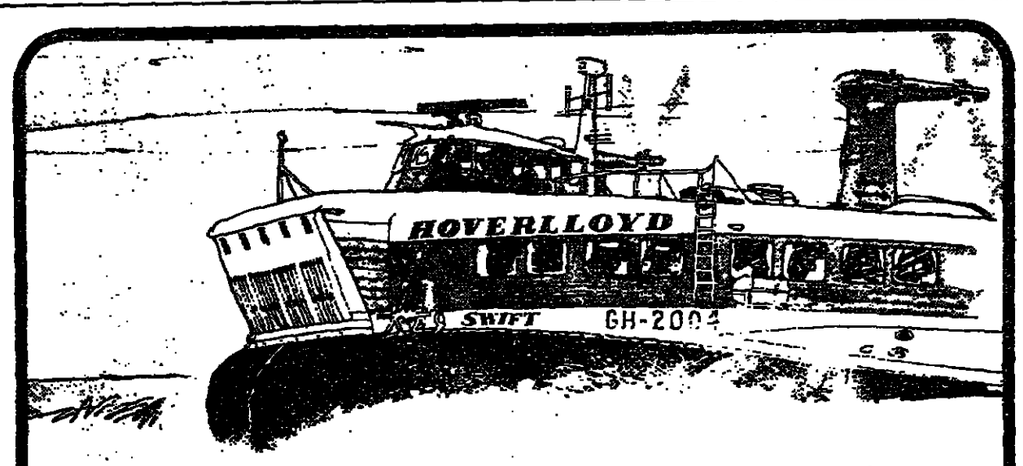
The Socialists also gained two seats in the 44-member upper house, the States Council, where members represent the country's 22 cantons. But the upper chamber, where 33 seats were at stake, remains dominated by conservatives and centrists.

The far-right "Vigilant" movement won its first parliamentary seat in Geneva. But other "Switzerland first" movements lost ground.—Reuter.

Submarine wreck found

Sassari, Sardinia, Oct 27.—A Sardinian coral fisherman has discovered in the Strait of Bonifacia a sunken submarine which may be the German vessel that was carrying "Rommel's treasure".

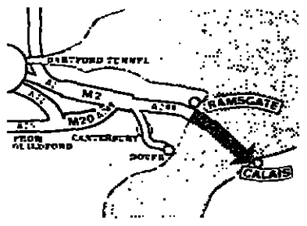
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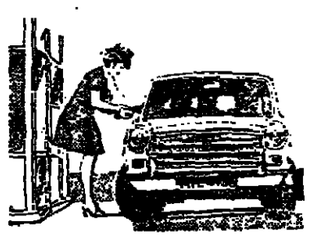




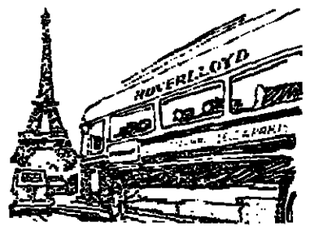
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Explosion that wrecks house injures six

Six people were injured when an explosion wrecked a house in Drump Road, Redruth, Cornwall, yesterday. Heavy lorries are being blamed for fracturing a gas main which is thought to have led to the explosion.

The house is all-electric, but gas is believed to have escaped from the fractured main and to have entered a sewer and penetrated the house. The explosion occurred when an electric light was switched on.

The house was badly damaged by fire. The injured, who suffered burns and shock, were Mr Desmond Weeks, aged 38, his wife, Rosemary, aged 30, his mother-in-law, Mrs Adelaide Harris, aged 65, Mr and Mrs Weeks's children: Shaun, aged 12, Colin, aged 6, and Neil, aged 13 months.

Correction

In a report on "The crisis in education" by Dr Rhodes Boyson, MP, published yesterday, it was stated that Mrs Williams, Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection, sent her son to a voluntary aided grammar school. Mrs Williams has no son: her daughter attends the school. Mrs Williams has never paid any fees for her daughter's education.

Director found not guilty in fraud trial

From Our Correspondent
Birmingham

One of six directors of an electrical company alleged to have carried on business with intent to defraud its creditors was discharged at Birmingham Crown Court yesterday. As the trial of the six directors, including the businessman T. Dan Smith, entered its fourth week yesterday, Mr Justice Pain directed the jury to find David Powell, aged 30, of Warwick Road, Hanslope, Buckinghamshire, not guilty, after legal argument in the absence of the jury.

The trial continued against the remaining five defendants: Ronald Dilleigh, aged 49, former leader of Northampton Borough Council, of Grasspin Lane, Northampton; Carol Trusler, aged 55, a Northamptonshire county councillor, of Kingsley Road, Northampton; Neil Hodson, aged 33, of Sherwood Avenue, Northampton; Thomas Ellison, aged 39, of Longdin Street, Warrington, and Mr Smith.

Architecture on TV

BBC 2 will start a series of eight 50-minute programmes on Friday on British architecture from medieval times.

EEC objections to wine tax rejected by France

From Our Own Correspondent
Brussels, Oct 27

An unrepemant France has defended as legally justified its imposition last month of an average 12 per cent tax on the import of Italian wines which, Paris said, were drastically undercutting French producers.

The French case is outlined in a reply, received late on Friday, to a communication from the European Commission. The Commission has already initiated proceedings against France under Article 169 of the Treaty of Rome for infringement of Community rules on free trade.

In accordance with the somewhat protracted procedure provided for in this article, the Commission will complete its reply to the latest French Note at its weekly meeting on Wednesday. Almost certainly, France will be told that it continues to be in breach of EEC law and must abolish the wine tax within a given period.

Technically, the Commission is not required to give France more than a few days to comply with its instructions, after which it can take the matter to the European Court of Justice. But the Commission will probably prefer a more lenient approach, particularly as some of the heat seems to have gone out of the "wine war".

The Commission may well decide to spin out the legal procedures as long as possible if it considers that there is still a chance of a political solution to the wine dispute being reached by EEC agricultural ministers within a reasonable time.

In its latest Note, France invokes a disputed safeguard clause in the five-year-old regulation establishing a common market in wine. This permits restrictions on trade by member states to "avoid a disturbance of their markets".

The Commission has on at least one occasion already rejected these arguments, contending that the clause in question has lapsed. The French answer is that the Commission's view has never been endorsed by the Council of Ministers.

EST EUROPE

ew UN agency may be formed part of £600m plan to lp feed world's hungry nations

e, Oct 27. — Delegates early 80 countries today a five-day meeting to $1,200m (almost £600m) help the world's poorest as feed themselves.

plan would require a new tional aid fund and the es came from the princi- veloped and oil-producing es, as well as developing although neither the Union nor China is ted. The representatives Mr Edward Bayageona ria as chairman for the informed sources said. ials of the World Food hope that the confer- ill advance the scheme international agricultural ment fund sufficiently ble Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General, to convene a meeting early next year to give the fund official status and formally pledge government contributions to it.

The United States has said that it will put up $200m towards the initial pledge target. Officials are hoping that Saudi Arabia and the other oil producing states will make commitments by the end of this week to cover half of the $1,200m.

Informed sources said that the agenda started with a consideration of 12 projected articles for the fund, this part of the discussion will establish how the fund is to operate, and the exact legal status it will have.

Officials expect delegates to follow the suggestion that the agricultural fund should be a new United Nations specialized agency, with a small secretariat, working through existing institutions such as the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization and the Asian and African development banks.

The delegates must also decide where the fund's headquarters should be. The working group suggested Rome, while Morocco and the United States have proposed themselves. Several developing countries are reported to be anxious for a third world capital to be nominated.

Officials also hope that by the end of the week there will be time for individual countries to indicate the amount of money they will be prepared to pledge. —Reuter.

sbon regains control provincial town

Michael Knipe
, Oct 27

struggle for political con- Portugal is centring on wer bases of the civil ors. Today pro-Govern- moderates forcibly re- control of the local stration in Faro by eject- eft-wing occupation force. civic confrontation ped last week after the ment dismissed four pro- nist civil governors—at in the north, Costelo in the centre, Lisbon, aro in the south. All four replaced by people con- d more moderate politi-

Faro, however, left-wing its staged a demonstra- n protest at dismissals day which culminated in zure of the administrative . The occupation force a statement complaining e dismissal of the gover- d been part of the central ment's purge of left- s and was against the wishes of the effective bodies of popular power.

In response the Socialist Party issued a statement saying the occupation had been carried out by "vagrants and outlaws representing pseudo-revolutionary minorities". It warned the local people that individual freedom, their property and families were in danger from such "acts of piracy".

After a Socialist demonstration last night, the administration building was surrounded by thousands of anti-leftist demonstrators and early today most of the occupation force was driven out.

The remainder were escorted out later by troops who remained on guard at the building. Ten people or more were injured slightly during the clashes.

Lisbon, Oct 27.—In Mariahs Grande, about 90 miles north of Lisbon, a bomb wrecked the offices of the Popular Democrats, a political group that is left of centre. The premises were damaged but no one was injured.—UPI.

Crisis meeting in Milan to save opera houses

A conference aimed at solving the financial crisis facing opera houses throughout the world is to be held at La Scala, Milan, in January.

The decision to hold a meeting of artistic directors and representatives from the opera world follows a weekend meeting at the Royal Opera House.

Directors and representatives from six European countries and the United States were present and looked at the financial and social problems.

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Mercedes manager kidnapped in Argentina

Buenos Aires, Oct 27.—Left-wing terrorists have kidnapped the production manager of the Mercedes-Benz car company in Argentina, police sources disclosed today.

He was identified as Herr Franz Metz, and he was abducted last Friday. All the company would say was that he had been missing from his office since Friday.

A communiqué sent to news agencies and newspapers signed by the left-wing Montoneros guerrilla group claimed responsibility for the kidnapping. It demanded the reinstatement of 200 workers discharged by Mercedes-Benz as a condition for freeing Herr Metz. There was, however, no way to confirm that the communiqué was authentic.

Three other conditions included payment of wages back dated to October 8, recognition of the workers' union and no retaliation against the workers. No demand was made for a cash ransom.

Mercedes-Benz officials had discharged the 200 workers in retaliation for a strike at the plant 20 miles north of Buenos Aires. The strike had been ruled illegal earlier by the Labour Ministry.

News of another kidnapping disclosed today was that of Señor Arturo Bullrich, an auctioneer for Adolfo Bullrich and Co, a family enterprise which plays a leading role in Argentina's livestock transactions. He was seized in Buenos Aires, also on Friday. —AP & UPI.

'Upstairs, Downstairs' fails in US

Boston version of TV series is dropped

From Peter Strafford
New York, Oct 27

Beacon Hill, a television series that was billed as an American equivalent of the British series *Upstairs, Downstairs*, is to end next month because it has not captured American audiences.

The Columbia Broadcasting System, the network that had put it on, said today that it had "failed to win even minimally adequate audiences". It had declined steadily in popularity. In the circumstances there was no alternative but to take it off the air.

Beacon Hill was set in Boston just after the end of the First World War in the house of a rich Irish-American family. Like *Upstairs, Downstairs*, it dealt with life on two levels, the servants' and the masters', and it went into the political and social tensions of the times.

Why it did not make the grade is a matter of disagreement. Mr Alan Wagner, vice-president of CBS, said today that, in his view, the weekly incidents were not of sufficient magnitude. At least in the earlier episodes, there had been too much about daily problems of the Lassiter family and not enough about broader issues.

Beyond that, however, he blamed the fact that American productions rarely have the time and money spent on them that is given in Britain. In the United States, he said, there was a bare six days in which to produce each episode, compared with two weeks in Britain.

Certainly *Beacon Hill* lacked the polish of *Upstairs, Downstairs*, a fact that can be attributed to the financial pressures under which American producers work.

They have to succeed in the ratings. If the production begins to slip, as *Beacon Hill* did, there are pressures from headquarters to adapt them to what is felt to be audience taste.

Doctors fight for 'chance in a million'

From Peter Strafford
New York, Oct 27

Final arguments were heard in Morristown, New Jersey, today in the case of Miss Karen Quinlan, the 21-year-old woman who has been in a coma since April. They were presented in emotional terms, as lawyers argued whether or not Miss Quinlan should be kept alive further by the use of a respirator.

Mr Paul Armstrong, appearing for Mr and Mrs Joseph Quinlan, Karen's adoptive parents, told the court that the respirator should be disconnected, and Miss Quinlan allowed to "pass on with peace". In this way, she could "follow the gentle call that beckons her to lasting peace".

On the other hand, Mr Ralph Porzio, representing the doctors who have been looking after Miss Quinlan, argued that to remove the respirator would be tantamount to homicide or mercy killing.

"If Karen Anne Quinlan has once chance in a thousand, or one chance in 10,000, or one chance in a million, who are we and by what right do we kill that chance?", he asked.

Judge Robert Muir, who has been hearing the case without a jury, now has to give his decision, which is likely to go to an appeal court whichever way he rules.

He has to decide whether or not to grant the application of Mr and Mrs Quinlan, who have argued that Miss Quinlan can never recover and that she should be allowed to die by the removal of the respirator. They have been supported by two Roman Catholic priests, and also by a neurologist who pointed out that Miss Quinlan was now like "a vegetable".

The application has been opposed by local prosecutors, by lawyers for the doctors looking after Miss Quinlan, and also by Mr Daniel Coburn, a lawyer appointed by the court to protect Miss Quinlan's interests.

All the doctors have agreed that Miss Quinlan is still alive, since her brain is still working, but no one has shown any optimism that she can ever recover.

Support for Angola group sought in London

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

Mr Paolo Jorge, secretary for external affairs of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), said in London yesterday that he was confident that his organization would be in full control of the main part of Angola by the territory's independence on November 11.

It now claimed to be in control of 12 out of Angola's 16 provinces and rejected any idea of an intervention by the United Nations or the Organization of African Unity, Mr Jorge added.

He is in London to mobilize support for the MPLA and will call on Mr David Ennals, Minister of State at the Foreign Office, today.

Mr Jorge said that the MPLA's success was based on the experience of 14 years' armed struggle and the support of the Angolan people. He denied a report that Cuban forces had joined the MPLA.

Dakar, Oct 27.—The National Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) is ready to talk with the MPLA, Dr Jonas Savimbi, the president of Unita, said in an interview published in Dakar today.

But he accused the MPLA of recruiting 4,000 former Katangan gendarmes and having Cuban, Russian and Vietnamese mercenaries in its ranks. This meant "it can call on an army of 15,000 men", he said.—Reuter.

jury alleged German tball case

en, Oct 27.—The presi- the former treasurer and players of a leading West an football club have been ed of perjury during r trials into bribery, the a criminal court was told y.

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MP attacks consulate over girl's death

The British Consulate in Barcelona was accused yesterday of "sheer slap-happy incompetence" over the way it handled the plight of a 15-year-old girl who died after being knocked down by a car while on holiday last August.

Mr Walter Johnson, Labour MP for Derby South, spoke of the "chapter of harrowing events" which ended with the girl, a non-Roman Catholic, being interred in a Catholic cemetery in Barcelona without a funeral service.

Mr Johnson, who is mounting a Commons debate on the issue today, said: "The very least the Government can now do is to offer to bring this child's body home at their expense." He said the girl, Nicola Baughan, of Alvaston, Derby, was knocked down in Calella on August 1 and died seven days later in a Barcelona hospital.

"She was moved from one hospital to another without consular guidance. . . . There was what can only be described as slipshod and inefficient handling of what was a harrowing and most distressing situation for the family.

ll to end half-hearted itics in Europe

an van der Vat
Oct 27

Genscher, the West Ger- oreign Minister, today for a Liberal initiative European unity. Speak- the opening day of the congress of the Free aric Party (FDP), of he is chairman, Herr r told delegates:

must put an end to the of half-heartedness and a decisive new h, a qualitative leap . What Europe lacks is a relation of the in the European states pean institutions."

itizen was bound to be n enthusiastic as long Community's decision- process was of a bureau- ather than a democratic It was high time that a n Parliament worthy of ne, directly elected and l parliamentary powers, ated.

uture of Europe is one e main themes at the ngress. The others are e of the economy and party policy for local government. Within an hour or two of opening, the conference acquired an air of marking time—because the big decision facing the party, and of decisive importance for its future, need not be debated on this occasion at all.

It is the question whether the Free Democrats will continue their ruling coalition with the Social Democrats beyond the general elections set for October next year. This will be decided at a special free election conference in May, when the party executive will make a clear recommendation on the subject, as Herr Genscher promised today.

How much longer the six-year-old coalition can survive is the central question in West German politics. In an interview in today's edition of *Der Spiegel* magazine, Herr Schmidt, the Social Democrat Chancellor, allowed himself to remark that relations between the two parties were not as free of friction as they used to be. Most observers would agree that this is a gentlemanly understatement.

Shore in trade talks h French ministers

lur Own Correspondent ct 27

eter Shore, the Secre- State for Trade, was in day for talks with mem- the French Government between the two coun- hich continues at an actorily low level, and questions relating to and the EEC.

is received this morning an-Pierre Fourcade, the of Finance, with whom ussed the need for re- n Europe and the pros- the world economy. In ernoon, Mr Shore saw ert Segard, the Minister eign Trade, and called British Chamber of ce, which recently organized a two-day Franco-British congress with the participation of leading industrialists and businessmen from both sides of the Channel.

Mr Shore left Paris this evening for London. His visit to France is part of an extended tour of capitals of the EEC which will take him to The Hague, Brussels, Rome and Bonn in the next few days. His visit to Paris to get to know his French counterparts, like that recently undertaken by Mr Wedgwood Benn, the Minister for Energy, is indicative of his desire to increase Franco-British cooperation, now that the referendum on Europe, to which he was radically opposed, has produced a clear verdict in favour of Britain staying in.

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Dr Waldheim describes dispute over Spanish Sahara as grave but march plans go ahead

Algiers, Oct 27.—The Spanish Sahara situation is "grave" and a solution has not yet been found, Dr Kurt Waldheim, the United Nations Secretary-General said today. He landed at Algiers after conferring about the crisis with King Hassan of Morocco in Marrakech yesterday and with President Mokhtar Ould Daddah of Mauritania in Nouakchott last night.

About 145,000 Moroccans have already gathered at Tarfaya near the border of the Spanish Sahara to march into that territory, underscoring Morocco's claim to it.

This was announced today by Mr Tabibi Benhima, Morocco's Information Minister, in Marrakech. Asked about the state of negotiations with Spain, he said they were "evolving". On relations with Algeria, which is also interested in the western Sahara, Mr Benhima said: "We wish to maintain a serene climate. We hope that the clouds that have appeared over the Maghreb (western Arab countries) will clear up".

The "green march" by 350,000 Moroccans to El Aaiun, capital of the Spanish Sahara, will begin as soon as they all have assembled at Tarfaya, on the Atlantic coast, he added. El Aaiun is about 60 miles to the south.

Dr Waldheim was to complete his emergency tour by flying to Madrid after meeting President Boumedienne today. In other diplomatic moves, M Destremau, Secretary of State at the French Foreign Ministry, conferred with King Hassan, and Mr Ahmed Laraki, the Moroccan Foreign Minister, delivered a message from the king to President Ould Daddah. Mr Hamdi Ould Mouknass, the Mauritanian Foreign Minister, was expected in Marrakech to see king Hassan.

Forty-two Saudi Arabians from "all social classes" arrived in Marrakech on their way to join the march. Thousands of Marrakech people hailed their arrival. Contingents were also expected from Egypt, Sudan and Gabon.

M Destremau said that France advocated consultation between the parties "to avoid any confrontation". He told reporters that King Hassan had explained his position but had not asked France to be an intermediary.

Dr Laraki said that his talk with the Mauritanian President was in the framework of consultation "to liberate the Sahara from Spanish domination".—Agence France Presse.

Marrakech, Oct 27.—Militants for the independence of the Spanish Sahara broadcast a warning today to the Moroccan people not to carry out their planned peace march into the territory.

The broadcast, which originated in El Aaiun, was in the name of the Saharan National Union Party (Puns), the only political group tolerated by Spanish authorities. "What will you do in the Sahara?" the broadcast asked marchers. "You will run out of food within 48 hours and eat dust." Moroccan authorities, in fact, are understood to be stockpiling enough provisions for a 15-day march.

The broadcast was monitored in Marrakech, the temporary Moroccan capital during the Sahara crisis. It was in contrast to a statement published yesterday by the Moroccan national news agency and attributed to the party secretary general, advocating Saharan unity with Morocco.

In a radio interview, King Hassan, who plans to lead the march as "the first volunteer", said that it would take place in about two weeks. He scoffed at reports that it might be cancelled.

"The march will take place", King Hassan said, "whether we have arrived at an agreement (with Spain), in which case it will happen sooner, or whether we have not yet arrived at an agreement." He was willing to discuss with Spain just how the Spanish Sahara (which he said he preferred to call "the western Sahara or, more precisely, the Moroccan Sahara") would be handed over to Morocco.

"We can arrive at a compromise on the formulation, but there can be no compromise on the final solution. There can be no independent Sahara and there will be none as long as a single Moroccan lives."

The King denied being influenced by rich phosphate deposits. "We claimed the Sahara long before the phosphate was discovered", he said.—UPI.



A crowd gathering outside a Jerusalem hotel damaged by a car bomb yesterday.

Bomb blasts Jerusalem hotel front

A bomb blew out the front of an hotel in central Jerusalem early today, injuring eight people. Fifteen people were held by police for questioning. They are believed to be Arabs, though this has not been stated.

The explosion was in one of the main shopping streets and barely 50 yards from Zion Square, where a terrorist bomb killed 14 people and injured nearly 80 on July 4. By an unhappy coincidence, one of the eight people injured today was also a casualty of the Zion Square blast. He was, however, able to go home after treatment together with two other slightly injured people.

A woman of 65 was kept in hospital, but the other four injured were expected to be released later. Two of the casualties were Swiss tourists and the others Israelis living near the hotel.

The bomb, planted in a car outside the hotel, and packed with about 23lb of plastic explosives, went off a few minutes before 7 am, shattering the hotel's plate glass windows and damaging furniture in the reception area.

It also broke shop windows on the other side of the street up to a hundred yards away. Most of the injuries were caused by flying glass.

Mr Nkomo denounces rival rally as 'circus'

From Nicholas Ashford
Salisbury, Oct 27

Mr Joshua Nkomo, the Rhodesian nationalist leader, today returned from a secret visit to Lusaka during which he held protracted talks with President Kaunda of Zambia. The visit is regarded here as an important move by Mr Nkomo to consolidate his leadership of the divided African National Council (ANC).

He flew to Lusaka yesterday morning in an aircraft which President Kaunda had sent to collect him. He arrived back in Salisbury shortly before lunch today.

His visit to the Zambian capital coincided with the large rally organized in Salisbury yesterday by the rival wing of the ANC headed by Bishop Abel Muzorewa, who has been living abroad since the beginning of July. The meeting, which attracted more than 30,000 people, had to be called off because the numbers greatly exceeded the 6,000 limit set by the police.

Mr Nkomo, whose own congress at the end of last month was attended by less than 6,000 people, today denounced yesterday's meeting as a "circus".

If attendance figures were important then his organization, which he claims to be the authentic ANC, could arrange a rally attended by 200,000, he said. "But our intention was not numbers, it was to hold a properly constituted annual congress of the party."

Mr Nkomo described his talks with Dr Kaunda as "very fruitful". They discussed problems concerning Rhodesia and President Kaunda offered to help in any way he could. Mr Nkomo said he did not see any of the exiled ANC leaders, such as Bishop Muzorewa or the Rev Ndabaningi Sithole, who are not in Lusaka at present.

The Luanda visit was clearly of great importance to Mr Nkomo as he absented himself from a meeting of his own national executive in Gwelo in order to go there.

President Kaunda is a key figure in the moves which have been under way since the end of last year to reach a settlement of the Rhodesian constitutional crisis.

His support for one or other faction of the ANC is likely to be followed by other African leaders involved in the détente exercise.

Work resumes on Montreal Olympics site

Montreal, Oct 27.—Construction was fully resumed today at the main site of the 1976 Olympic Games in Montreal after a compromise reached during the weekend had ended a week-long dispute over the "blacklisting" of workers.

Virtually all work on the main stadium and the velodrome had been at a standstill since last Monday when 3,000 construction workers walked off in protest against a police blacklist which barred certain workers from the project.

A spokesman for the Quebec Federation of Labour said yesterday that the union and city officials had agreed to set up a seven-member board which would review all names included on the special list since May 1. The list contains the names of about 300 men considered as "troublemakers" by the police.—AP.

Turks give state funeral to murdered envoys

Ankara, Oct 27.—Tens of thousands of people lined the streets of Ankara today, some weeping openly, as Turkey gave a solemn state funeral to its two murdered ambassadors.

Young right-wingers distributed pamphlets attacking "the barbarous West" for the killings in Vienna and Paris last week.

Under grey skies, the coffins of Mr Danis Tunaligil, the ambassador to Austria, and Mr Ismail Erez, the Paris envoy, and of 24-year-old Mr Talip Yener, Mr Erez's murdered chauffeur, were carried through the streets on gun carriages with mounted cannon.

The widows walked behind supported by relatives. The newly wed Mrs Yener was barely able to stand.

After a brief service at Ankara's biggest mosque, she was carried away wailing. Mrs Tunaligil and Mrs Erez accompanied their husbands' bodies to Istanbul for burial.

Mr Tunaligil, aged 60, was shot dead last Wednesday as he sat in his office.

Mr Erez and his driver were killed on Friday by several unidentified gunmen while driving back to the embassy from a reception.

Mr Suleyman Demirel, the Prime Minister, General Semih Sancar, the Chief of Staff, members of the Cabinet, Foreign Ministry officials and foreign diplomats walked behind the coffins.

Austrian and French police so far have no clue to the identity of the murderers. Both killings have been claimed by an Armenian group as revenge for Turkish atrocities against Armenians during the First World War.—Reuter and AP.

Westerners start to leave Beirut

From Paul Martin
Beirut, Oct 27

Several thousand Britons, Americans and other foreign dependants began to leave Beirut today as Christian Phalangists and left-wing gunmen escalated their street war for control of the remaining "neutral" areas of the capital. Ignoring a Cabinet call for a ceasefire, both sides massed their forces near the heart of the fashionable residential area, the thin slice of territory as yet unclaimed.

With hundreds of residents being driven from their homes by the rocket, mortar and machine gun battles, western embassies decided on a drastic thinking of their staffs. At one point during today's street battles, the American Embassy ordered all its staff to leave.

Although there has been a steady exodus of the estimated 20,000 foreign population since the crisis began, many elected to remain in the city in the hope that the situation would improve. However, the latest battles, which have threatened to engulf the Hamra, and Ras Beirut areas where most foreign residents live, have led to a change of mind.

The decision to advise all those whose presence in the capital is not essential and all their dependants to leave followed a series of meetings of the British, American, European and Commonwealth ambassadors who have kept a constant watch on the deteriorating security situation.

So far, no Western embassy has ordered a complete evacuation of its staff. Mr Peter Wakefield, the British Ambassador, declared today that the question of whether to evacuate British citizens would depend on whether the warring militias encroached further into the small strip of Beirut in which the foreign residents live.

This is no more than a mile square and after the new battle for territory which erupted on the eastern edge of it in the Kantari-Clemenceau area last Saturday, it has shrunk even further. Among the estimated 300 people trapped in basements and shuttered apartments in this area are many foreigners. Contact has been lost because fighting has prevented anyone entering or leaving the area and telephone communications have been disrupted.

Should the Phalangists and the leftists push further into the remaining neutral area there would be little to stop them. Internal security force units, backed by armoured cars and armoured personnel carriers, form a thin patrol line round the area. But they would be hard pressed if the gunmen decide to launch an all-out assault.

Throughout the day the capital's church bells pealed to support calls for peace from Mr Sherif Akhawi, the announcer of Beirut radio who has led a lone campaign to end the violence. Mr Akhawi has called for peace marches in the city to force the gunmen to stop their genocidal war. He also called for a general strike aimed at paralysing the country and forcing a halt to the fighting.

"I ask those who are fighting: aren't they tired of the killing and destruction? For how long will they continue to kill their brothers and sons of the homeland for no reason?"

As the fighting raged on in defiance of the ceasefire call from the Cabinet, political effort appeared to have come to a standstill. A meeting of the Parliament called for today had to be postponed because only 49 of the 99 deputies turned up.

At least 30 more people were killed in the fighting today in the centre of the city and on the front lines of the surrounding suburbs. Hundreds of armed men set up new roadblocks dividing the Christian from Muslim areas and the security forces were restricted to manning approaches to the city and a few buffer zones.

Warm Moscow welcome for Hanoi leader

Moscow, Oct 27.—The Soviet Union gave a warm welcome today to Mr Le Xuan, the North Vietnamese Communist Party First Secretary, with the senior Kremlin leaders turning out to congratulate him on victory in South Vietnam.

Western diplomats said the North Vietnamese would seek extensive aid for reconstruction while formally thanking the Soviet Union for its assistance during the long battle against Saigon. Mr Le Xuan arrived from Prague to wind up a victory tour of several nations, including China.

Mr Brezhnev, the Soviet party leader, who recently interrupted meetings with visiting President Giscard d'Estaing because of what he said was a cold, was wrapped in a heavy overcoat and scarf; but he removed his hat to embrace Mr Le Xuan and kiss him three times on the cheek on the latter's arrival at the special Government airport.—UPI.

Valuation of Soviet defence 'nonsense'

From Our Own Correspondent
Washington, Oct 27

The Pentagon's use of dollar estimates of Soviet defence spending has been decried by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) which compiles the estimates.

The CIA position was made public by Senator William Proxmire, who released classified testimony given to a congressional joint economic subcommittee last June by Mr William Colby, the CIA director, and Lieutenant-General Daniel Graham, a dissident within the Pentagon's own defence intelligence agency.

The argument has immediate relevance. The annual "battle of the budget" is raging and Dr Schlesinger, the Defence Secretary, has not hesitated to complain that proposed cuts in the Pentagon budget will dramatically weaken the United States because the Soviet Union is supposedly "outspending" the Americans on some military items by as much as 50 per cent.

For the present fiscal year the Pentagon's estimate is that the Soviet Union is spending $117,000m (about £58,000m) on defence, while the Congress is paring the United States budget towards $90,000m.

The estimate is based on what the CIA thinks it would cost the United States, with American salaries and prices, to man and equip Soviet forces at the estimated levels. The idea has always seemed preposterous for direct comparison; but, as Senator Proxmire agreed, it was valuable in plotting the trends in Soviet spending.

However, to use the estimates to make "insinuations of a widening gap" was nonsense, he said, and the testimony showed that the CIA, if in politer terms, basically agreed.

General Graham, admitting his was a lonely voice within the Pentagon, said the guesswork was "the quintessence of mirror imaging, which is one of the biggest bear traps on the road to objective intelligence estimates".

Mr Colby said another generation of Russian missiles was expected for 1978-79, and he discussed Soviet concentration on developing far-flung naval power in all the world's oceans.

Concern for Jews

From Our Own Correspondent
Jerusalem, Oct 27

Renewed concern is being expressed in official circles here over the escalation of fighting in the Lebanon. Now that it has spread to the centre of Beirut there is apprehension that the city's Jewish community of about 4,000 might become embroiled in the civil strife.

It is understood that an approach has been made to an international organization, probably the Red Cross, to investigate the situation in the Jewish quarter to find out whether protection is needed.

Watch is also being kept on Syrian reaction to the fighting. Israel was last week reported to have told the United States that it regarded the danger of Syrian intervention in Lebanon with gravity, and to have been asked by the United States Government not to take any action itself without consulting Washington. It was denied that America had warned Israel not to act unilaterally.

Apprehensive interest is being shown in Jerusalem in President Sadat's visit to the United States, which the Egyptian leader is expected to turn into a propaganda triumph, probably at Israel's expense. If his promised peace plan is focused on Israel concessions on the Golan heights as a first step, it could precipitate a governmental crisis here.

French troops leave Chad after 78 years

Ndjamena, Oct 27.—The last contingent of French troops left Chad today, ending 78 years of French military presence.

The troops were expelled by President Felix Malloum because the Paris Government had dealt directly with Mr Hissen Habre, the rebel leader, to obtain the release of Mme Françoise Claustre, the kidnapped ethnologist.

The last of 2,000 troops flew to France on board a chartered DC10. Their base is to be handed over to the Chad Army.

Chinese underground atom test reported

Delhi, Oct 27.—China carried out an underground nuclear explosion in the Lop Nor area of Sinkiang province today, the Bhabha Atomic Research Centre near Bangalore reported. The explosion was in the range of 20 kilotons.—UPI.

Marcos aide assassinated in presidential palace

Manila, Oct 27.—A member of President Marcos's Cabinet was shot dead at his office in the presidential palace today.

Official sources said a security guard seized a man running from the office immediately after the shooting of Dr Guillermo de Vega, a presidential aide, and the suspect was being questioned.

Dr de Vega was found in a pool of blood on the floor of his office toilet. The sources said he had been hit in the face and chest by at least three bullets from a gun which police later found in an envelope in the office. There was no obvious motive for the murder.

Dr de Vega, a lawyer, author and poet, was appointed presidential assistant on January 1, 1970, and his position was raised to Cabinet rank by President Marcos at the beginning of this year. He was the first member of a Philippines Cabinet to be murdered since President Marcos came to power in 1966.

The President was immediately informed of the killing, but the palace did not issue an official statement.

Miss Corazon Tolentinio, Dr de Vega's secretary, said there were two visitors inside his office at the time of the shooting. She identified them as the gunman and a Government prosecutor. She heard what sounded like an argument and then Dr de Vega went to the toilet. She heard four shots and saw the alleged gunman running out of the room.

Indonesia hardens its line on Portuguese Timor

Jakarta, Oct 27.—Indonesian troops engaged forces of the Timor Revolutionary Front (Fretilin) near Lebos, six miles from the Indonesian border, Antara, the official news agency, reported today.

The report said the "unavoidable" clash took place after Fretlin forces attacked Indonesian security posts in an attempt to infiltrate Indonesian Timor and carry out foraging after Fretilin forces attacked repelled with losses, the report said.

This was the first involvement of Indonesian forces in the Timor war reported officially. Indonesian sources had reported that Lebos was taken by anti-communist forces on or about October 16 after they stormed the two neighbouring towns of Balibo and Maliana.

The sources said that Timor anti-communist forces have beaten back a Fretilin attempt to retake the town of Maliana, some nine miles north of Lebos, on Thursday, killing 89 attackers.

There was no confirmation of an Indonesian report of an offensive by a big anti-communist force from Bacau, a town on the north-west coast of Timor towards Dili.

In Jakarta, Mr Malik, the Foreign Minister, described as "panicky and frantic" the recent appeal by Fretilin leaders in Dili for early independence talks with Portugal. He said he would leave on Thursday or Friday for talks somewhere in western Europe with Major Antunes, the Portuguese Foreign Minister. Informed sources said the talks would be held in Rome.

Mr Malik said Indonesia could not tolerate the situation in Timor but did not mind whether decolonization took place next year or even in 1978. "What is urgent is the restoration of peace and order in no time", he said.—Agence France Presse.

Journalist 'found dead' in Brazil prison

Rio de Janeiro, Oct 27.—A military communiqué said that Senhor Wladimir Herzog, a television journalist, committed suicide while in detention in Sao Paulo after confessing to being a militant Communist Party member.

A statement by the Second Army said that Senhor Herzog, news editor of TV Cultura, presented himself for interrogation. He was left alone in a closed room to write out his confession, and was found dead an hour later. Apparently he had hanged himself with a piece of cloth, the statement said.

It went on to allege that the confession had been torn up, but security officers were able to piece it together. Senhor Herzog was alleged to have confessed he had been a militant member of the banned Brazilian Communist Party since 1971 or 1972.

The military said Senhor Herzog confessed to having been recruited by Senhor Rudolfo Konder, foreign news editor of the news magazine Veja and son of a former communist senator, who has been in detention since Friday.

The Union of Professional Journalists of Sao Paulo state published a statement in today's newspapers holding the security forces responsible for the death.

Senhor Herzog, aged 38, was born in Yugoslavia and was a naturalized Brazilian. He leaves a wife and two young sons.—Reuter.

Threats to Peru's political balance

From Jane Monahan
Lima, Oct 27

General Francisco Morales, who took over the leadership of Peru's military Government two months ago, has been trying hard to strike a balance between conflicting forces. But already pressures by extreme left and conservative groups are threatening to disrupt his attempts to create stability.

Among the new President's actions have been the introduction of certain freedoms for the press; emphasis on regional decision-making rather than rule solely from Lima, the capital; an amnesty allowing former political leaders, including Señor Fernando Belaunde, the Conservative civilian President ousted by the military in 1968, to return to Peru; and the inclusion of two civilians in his new Cabinet.

But in the past few days the centre of Lima has witnessed protest marches by several thousand schoolchildren and small groups of students, demonstrations denounced by the Government newspaper, La Crónica, as being part of another "counter-revolutionary" campaign of the non-government teachers' union, whose leaders are a mixture of left and right-wing extremists; further problems in an American-owned copper mine in the south of the country, coming rapidly after a 47-day strike which ended early this month; strikes in Centromin, Peru's largest mining complex in the central Andes; and a crisis in the Air Force last week, resulting in the resignation of three top men, two of whom were Cabinet ministers. The new Air Force Commander, Minister of Aviation and member of the four-man ruling junta, is General Dante Poggi, who is considered a supporter of General Morales.

Against this troubled background there are signs of increased pressure being put on Peru's regime by the United States. An American mission led by Mr Albert Fishlow, the second-in-command in the State Department's inter-American division, has visited Lima to obtain compensation for Marcona, an American multinational company whose iron-ore mines were expropriated by the Government last July. Mr Charles Robinson, the head of Marcona, was the top man in the State Department's inter-American division until a year ago.

Peru's original takeover decree suggested that compensation to Marcona would be scrapped after deductions were made for alleged irregularities by the company, whereas nationalization with de facto compensation has become a matter of principle for the United States in its dealings with Latin America generally.

The dispute was put in abeyance by Peru's change of leadership in August, but complications persisting over the transportation of iron ore (because of outstanding contracts with a Marcona subsidiary) have resulted in the ore piling up at the mines and production consequently being cut back by 30 per cent.

The Lima meeting, a first step towards breaking the deadlock, ending with Peru standing by its original takeover decree and saying it would continue negotiations with the United States. But whatever the final result, General Morales faces a dilemma.

For several months left-wing groups have been agitating for no compensation to be paid to Marcona, but if it is not, Peru's credit-worthiness, especially with American banks and American-influenced international agencies, could be seriously jeopardized.

The country's economy is entering a difficult two-year period, caused partly by low international copper prices and partly by the growing foreign debt resulting from heavy investment in mining and petroleum. Also, too much was expected too soon from oil exploration in the eastern Amazonian jungle, and the target of 250,000 barrels a day talked of in 1973 may be nearer to 100,000 a day in 1977, according to British diplomatic sources.

Nevertheless, the Peruvian economy shows signs of strength. Fourteen foreign oil companies are still operating in the jungle, the gross national product is expected to grow at more than 5 per cent this year, the inflation rate is among the lowest in Latin America, self-sufficiency in oil is being approached, and copper production—with the discovery of new deposits—is due to be doubled.

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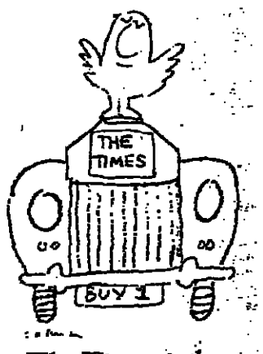
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THE ARTS





Top: Strauss rewarded while Zell and Genée are punished, reproduced from Marcel Prawy's Johann Strauss (Verlag Fritz Molden). Right, Mirjana Irosch in Vienna; left, William Reeder in Graz

Johann Strauss's far from sleepy lagoon

VIENNA

Johann Strauss's 150th anniversary and Austria's national day coincided very conveniently over the weekend. Whether the red and white flags were out for the country or the composer scarcely mattered; the two are synonymous. The Staatsoper stood aloof from the festivities on Saturday, preferring their fine new production of *Die Meistersinger*, of which something on this page later in the week. But television put on their Strauss hours and their old Strauss films, including the 1935 *Wiener Blut*; Hollywood's several views of the composer were ignored. The newspapers carried their pages of homage. There was a new stamp, although not on sale at the airport, where I also looked in vain for my favourite Austrian Airlines aircraft, the Johann Strauss II. Alas it must have been in service elsewhere.

In Vienna the celebrations centred on the new *Eine Nacht in Venedig* at the Volksoper. Earlier there was talk of a *Fledermaus*, but the *Bats* have been pretty thick on the beams this year and the choice fell on the later operetta, ironically the only one by Strauss which did *not* have its first performance in Vienna.

The premiere of the Venetian Night was in Berlin and by all accounts was a fiasco. Strauss in a much quoted letter claimed that he had not seen the dialogue but only the text to be set to music before arriving in the German capital. This could be counted a mercy and various hands have been rewriting the book by Zell and Genée ever since. But the lyrics were not special either and the couplet which really upset the stern Berliners came in the Lagunenwalzer of the final act

Nachts sind die Katzen ja grau
Nachts tönt es zärtlich Miau.

The loving miaowings were taken up by the gallery as the cats were put among the pigeons of the Piazza San Marco. But not for long. At the Vienna premiere a month later the offending lines were removed and Strauss was back *to favour. Contemporary* cartoons show the librettists being soundly thwacked while the composer received his just bouquets.

But the matter has not been allowed to rest there. Succeeding generations of conductors and producers have been unable to resist tinkering with both the libretto and the score. The ballet made up from the favourite waltz pot-pourri of either the conductor or the choreographer is a convention in most Strauss operettas. But in *A Night in Venice* the arias are switched between performers, lifted from other works and, on occasion, from other composers. The two best known additions are the Duke of Urbino's entrance aria "Sei mir gegrüsst, du holdes Venezia", containing more than a touch of parody of that other greeting by Elizabeth in *Tannhäuser*, which Korngold filched from the virtually unperformed *Simplicius* when he was preparing a version for Tauber in 1923, and the Tipsy Song (Schwipslied) put in for Jeritza a few years later.

Anyone trying to find out precisely what was added by whom, for whom and from whom over the years will quickly end up in a musical labyrinth which makes Rossini's self-borrowings look simplicity itself. And perhaps that is why the Volksoper have decided on yet another new version, with musical arrangement by Anton Paulik and Friedemann Layer, who conducted the performance, and new texts by Kurt Huemer who sings the Macaroni cook Pappacoda. There is not a great deal left of Zell and Genée, but it is at least rather clearer than usual why the Duke of Urbino has arrived in Venice to seduce the wife of *the Senator Delacqua and just* who are the various ladies passed off in her place. For most of the evening it is all highly democratic, with cooks and barbers swapping mistresses with the quality, but the implication at the end is that the status quo will be resumed When the carnival is over the *pecking order starts afresh.*

For this amiable nonsense, in which the score is everything, the Volksoper have mounted one of their prettiest productions. With help of the revolve, which is constantly on the turn, Karl-Engen Spurny switches the stage between land and water, between piazza and lagoon. For the central act he has designed a handsome palace with a marbled staircase, an inviting bed surmounted by a huge baldaquin and a multi-reflecting mirror. Someone should invite Herr Spurny to try his hand at *La Gioconda.*

Spurny's sets and Robert Herzl's equally deft production come close to persuading that the action really is in Venice although the score rarely looks much farther south than the Schönbrunn Palace. They have a powerful ally in Adolf Dallapozza's italianate Caramello, the Duke's barber. He sings sweetly, particularly in the Lagulenyaltzer, and manages to cover up Zell and Genée's final couplet of the song, which is almost as bad as that erased in Berlin:

Hör nur, von fern singt der Gondolier:
La donna e mobile

Alois Eichhorn as the Duke has a less flexible voice and a more difficult job; in this Venedig the aristocrats go away temporarily empty handed. Mirjana Irosch, one of the Volksoper's best singers, was first rate as the fisher-girl Annina, but Julia Migenes at the gala preview I attended sounded out of voice. She is a talented actress though and is likely to come to vocal terms with the maid Ciboletta later in the run.

The disappointment of the evening was the dull and humourless conducting of Friedemann Layer and the new book, *perhaps following the* example of Zell and Genée is a little light on jokes too.

Whether by coincidence or by a perky sense of rivalry Graz decided to open their new *Night in Venice* neatly between the first two Volksoper performances. The 200-kilometre rail journey from Vienna is one of the most spectacular autumn runs in Austria; on the right day the clouds lift with a fine theatrical touch from the mountain tops as the train pulls up the Semmering Pass. Graz itself does an excellent job in concealing that it is Austria's second largest town. The restaurants are hospitable and the kitchens well cared for. After the performance artists, management and public go back to the Steirerhof to dissect the evening much in the way that the Wexford Festival will be mulled over at White's, The Talbot or Billy Kelly's this week. The Opera House, where Strauss rubs shoulders with Wozzeck, Prince Igor and Mosè, has fine white and gold baroque decorations inside and excellent acoustics.

Graz would have nothing to do with the Volksoper alteration. Its *Nacht in Venedig* went straight back, with a few cuts, *to the Korngold version. The* production had none of Herzl's inventiveness, and was not out to explain anything; it simply let the score talk and this the orchestra achieved with ease and eloquence (the obtrusive percussionist excepted) under Ronald Schneider's baton. Easily the best singer on stage was the young American, William Reeder, as the Duke. The tones are clear and have a sharp enough edge to reach the back of the theatre; Mr Reeder also cuts a handsome figure on stage. He demonstrated just how malleable *Eine Nacht in Venedig* is by turning it into an operetta about the trials and tribulations of the nobility rather than the simple ruses of everyday fishing folk and macharoni cooks who bring up their tarantellas from Naples. (Graz did a little borrowing from Rossini.)

If the Coliseum have not yet *cast their Duke for the Uacht in Venedig* planned for Christmas next year they could do much worse than take a trip to Graz, always assuming that the version to be used has been agreed.

John Higgins

RPO/Groves
Festival Hall

Paul Griffiths

David Morgan's *Sinfonia da Requiem* had to wait three years before receiving its first performance on Sunday although from its general sound and style one might have imagined it to have been lying neglected for three decades, and that despite the topical impulse to which the composer confessed in his programme note.

He wrote the work as a "personal, not political reaction" to the invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968, but the tone of the music, to the extent that it has a distinctive tone at all, would set it among the more highly charged scores of *the Second World* War period; the piece catches glimpses of Prokofiev, Honegger, Bartok and many others.

If that suggests the somewhat impersonal personal reaction, the work is undesirably vivid, even lurid in its depiction of the invasion itself. The *fourth of* the five continuous movements is a slow march which accumalates massively to its climax of abandoned bashing, a heavy tread which might stand, if the incongruity be allowed, for the roll of the tanks into Prague. Bombast is cheap, however, and the movement's parody of Shostakovich still cheaper.

The events that led up to the takeover are represented by a weirdly gay scherzo (Dubcek's liberalization) and a "dialogue of the death", juxtaposing impermeable *blocks* of jazz saxophone concerto and prettily decorated chords. Perhaps Mr Morgan's subjective response is more in evidence in the outer movements, which feature a portentous *passacaglia* with another colossal culmination and, inevitably, *the tolling of* bells at the very close.

It would be improper to question the sincerity of one who spent some time in Czechoslovakia as a student, but Mr Morgan's testament is, however deeply felt, more film score than symphony, and more cliché *than anything else. Nevertheless*, Sir Charles Groves and the RPO played it as if without a doubt in their minds.

Yvonne Minton was just as fully, and much more profitably, committed in Mahler's Rückert songs, whose inner tensions she traced with beauti*ful understanding.* At one moment in the relatively relaxed third song, her humour seemed forced, but the daring pianissimo she brought to the final withdrawal was perfectly aimed.

Claudio Arrau
Great Hall, Lincoln's Inn

Max Harrison

Claudio Arrau's Liszt is unlike any other. A searing intensity of feeling combines with his rare depth of tone — aided by the Great Hall's wooden panelling and high roof—to dispose of any lingering notions of this composer as meretricious. The feeling conveyed engages the emotions and the sound offers intense satisfaction to the ear, yet the real point is the compositional and interpretative thought these embody.

It is scarcely needful to em*phasize the nobility of Mr* Arrau's reading, but in his hands the Sonata in B minor was restored to what Liszt originally intended, before so many of the present generation of pianists reduced it to a vehicle for mere keyboard skill. It became once more a profound, exciting, sometimes even disturbing, spiritual experience, a reminder of what a powerful and mysterious thing music can be.

Every structural and expressive implication was felt out in each phrase, and at times the impression of searching was almost physical. Not all of the insights thus glimpsed can be fully realized in any single performance, of course, for we never get to the bottom of a masterpiece and no "defini*tive" interpretation is possible.* Yet Mr Arrau gave us an extraordinarily balanced account of his findings.

It is a tribute to his technique rather than otherwise that this extremely difficult work sounded emotional and speculative, never athletic; and interesting again that he was intellectual in Liszt while acting instinctively, insisting on the inspiration of the moment, in Beethoven. It might seem inappropriate to bring a lifetime's experience so overtly to bear on such an early Sonata, the opus 2, No 3, yet although Mr Arrau's veneration for this composer could not have been more apparent, the unpredictability of the performance, the especially human impulse of his playing, riveted one's attention.

Always, even in the fleet and stealthy Scherzo, he sought the reality behind the notes. If this, at first thought, *seemed* too mellow for early Beethoven, that is because Mr Arrau chooses to see the composer at the point at which he had won his battles, as Apollo rather than as Dionysius.

Heinz Medjimorec
Queen Elizabeth Hall

Joan Chissell

Anyone leaving at the interval on Sunday afternoon would have missed the best part of Heinz Medjimorec's piano recital presented by the Anglo-Austrian Music Society; it was in his concluding work, Mussorgsky's *Pictures at an Exhibition*, that this Viennese pianist's imaginative response was at its most vivid, and his technique at its most impressive. He is the kind of player who, on this occasion, seemed to need a big canvas and the boldest of colouring for his playing really to tell. His contrasts in the linking promenades were no less vivid than in the pictures themselves, of which "The Great Gate of Kiev" was particularly impressive in strength and breadth.

In the first half, divided between Haydn, Janacek and Ravel, Mr Medjimorec's fingers rarely let him down, nor did he ever seriously disappoint as a musician. It was just that his interpretations were less potent, less memorable, when *multum in parvo* was the prime requisite.

In Ravel's "Une barque sur l'océan", he rode the storms without shipwreck but provided insufficient tonal ravishment for the ear in calmer waters. Even this composer's "Toccata" needed moments of more liquid sonority and phrasing. In Haydn's E flat sonata (Hob 52) he did not make quite enough of softer dynamic markings, while his response to the element of surprise in the work was rather too much that of someone who has grown used to it. The same was true in the wholly unpredictable phraseology of Janacek's *On an Overgrown Path* (second series); there is more inner intensity, as well as strangeness, in these intimate reminiscences than Mr Medjimorec managed to convey. Yet he was a sympathetic commentator in his comfortable way, and earned our gratitude for unearthing this infrequently heard suite.

Baroque drawings

An absorbing loan exhibition at the Heim Gallery, London (until November 19), provides a unique opportunity to appreciate the graphic production of German artists during the period from the Thirty Years' War to the French Revolution. *German Baroque Drawings* has been organized at the instigation of the gallery by Dr Wend von Kalnein, director of the Kunstmuseum in Düsseldorf, and Dr Dieter Graf has compiled the exemplary catalogue, in which every item is fully discussed and illustrated.

The origins of the Baroque, as of every other major trend in European art, are to be found in Italy, in this case in the dictates of the Council of Trent, whose insistence on clarity of message and immediacy of impact encouraged artists to collaborate with architects and sculptors to create religious buildings that aim totally to involve the worshipper by overwhelming the senses. Later the secular rulers of states, principalities and dukedoms followed the example of Louis XIV, who was the first to see that what was good for God, was good for absolute monarchy: the two aspects meet and culminate in the greatest decorative achievement of the Rococo, G. B. Tiepolo's frescoes at Würzburg, carried out for a patron who was a bishop as well as a *prince.*

The relative immunity of the Imperial Free City of Augsburg made it a natural centre for the dissemination of the new style. Augsburg was for the last 30 years of his life the home of Johann Heinrich Schöfeld (1609-1682/3) whom Dr Graf considers "the most important German painter of his time". He has much in common with the Genoese G. B. Castiglione, and even more with the Neapolitan Salvator Rosa, whose poetic, proto-Romantic approach Schönfeld adopts in his *Sorrowing Philosopher*, where an old philosopher indicates the symbols of mortality at his feet.

The same artistic sources are used by Joseph Werner the younger (1637-1710) who spent 13 years (1667-80) in Augsburg: his two scenes of clandestine treasure-seekers in the exhibition contain an element of eerie fantasy that anticipates the Symbolists, especially Félicien Rops. The influence of Castiglione is also apparent in Joachim von Sandrart's *Allegory of Painting, Sculpture and Architecture*, designed as the frontispiece to his *Teutsche Academie* (1675), in which painting is raised above her sister arts Sculpture and Architecture.

Many of the drawings in the exhibition are for decorations to be carried out in the technique of fresco. An outstanding example and one of the most impressive drawings in the exhibition is *The Triumph of the Holy Trinity*, by Cosmas Damian Asam (1686-1739). With his brother Egid Quirin (1692-1750), represented in the exhibition by a *Project for an altar* which demonstrates his debt to Bernini, he designed and built what can be considered the quintessential monument of the Bavarian Rococo, the church of St John Nepomuk in Munich.

Cosmas Damian Asam's most important pupil was Matthaüs Günther (1705-88), who was director of the Augsburg Academy of Art from 1762 to 1784: *his vigorous Ecstasy of St Augustine* in the exhibition is a preparatory study for a fresco at Indersdorf near Dachau. A similar subject, *The "Lactatio" of St Bernard of Clairvaux* by Gottfried Bernhard Göz (1708-74), who was in Augsburg from c 1729, is much closer to the contemporary Venetians, especially G. B. Pittoni, and it is suggested in the catalogue that his series of drawings of *The Horrors of War*, of which number VII is exhibited, may owe something to G. A. Pellegrini's *Allegory of War* in Schloss Schleissheim. is Johann Esaias Nilson (1721-88), another Augsburg artist whose supremely elegant and sophisticated manner can be seen at its best in the *Cartouche for a portrait of Elizabeth Christina of Prussia.*

A similar French influence can also be discerned in the delightfully fresh and sketchy *Portrait of a young woman with a book* by Johann Anton de Peters (1725-95) of about the same date, although here it is Fragonard who comes to mind. In fact Peters spent many years in Paris and was ennobled by Louis XV in 1763, by which date the beginnings of Neoclassicism were already apparent.

An awareness of the new trend can be detected in the four drawings in the exhibition by Januarius Zick (1730-97), particularly the *Allegory of Good Government*, executed in fresco in 1785 for the Elector Clemens Wenzeslaus of Saxony's *schloss* at Coblenz: the central group of Justice, Prudence and Temperance has a static quality that is clearly Neoclassical, although the peripheral figures are vestigially Rococo.

Happily, this rewarding exhibition will also be seen at three regional centres, Birmingham (November 25-January 8), Cambridge (January 13-February 18) and Glasgow (March 3-April 18).

Jeffery Daniels



J. A. Peters: Portrait of a young woman

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Action over petrol's 'gimmick' war likely

House of Commons

MR WALTER JOHNSON (Derby, South, Lab) asked what representation the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection had received from the oil companies concerning the price of petrol.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS—None, but I have had representations which I am considering from retailers' associations.

MR JOHNSON—The stupid price and gimmick war goes on. It is of ridiculous proportions. Now is the time for her to tell the oil companies that they should regulate the price of petrol according to grade and stop these stupid gimmicks which only increase the cost of the product.

MRS WILLIAMS—I can give him the assurance that the major oil companies are ceasing their policy of selective discounts as from the end of this month.

We are urgently considering the possibility of a further reference to the Monopolies Commission and together with the Secretary of State for Energy we are considering inquiries into the level of wholesale prices for petrol.

MR COSTAIN (Folkestone and Hythe, C)—Should not the garages show the actual price which the purchaser is being charged and not what is taken off an unknown figure?

MRS WILLIAMS—These are matters being considered urgently by the Director General of Fair Trading. At present there is no legislation that enables us to say what it is off. We do not have the powers. We are making urgent inquiries into this matter.

The consumption of petrol in August was 7 per cent below the figure for August 1974. It is this situation which is leading to garages cutting each others' throats in an effort to stay in business.

Dangerous fireworks being kept in bond

MR GWILYM ROBERTS (Cannock, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection what study had been made of the consultative document on firework accidents and what steps would be taken to reduce accidents.

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister of State (Swansea, West, Lab)—Some 60 organizations, representing a wide range of interests, have submitted their views. I am holding urgent discussions with the industry and distributors' associations.

MR ROBERTS—Whereas he would not be prepared to go as far as some of us would like in this direction, will Mr Williams give an assurance there may be early action in areas like the raising of the age at which fireworks may be bought and the introduction, perhaps, of stiffer penalties to shopkeepers and others who infringe those sort of provisions?

Would he look at the fireworks that appear to lead to most accidents, with the point of view of banning those types?

MR WILLIAMS—We have two fairly clear options available: a ban on sales with only organized displays, or a package of measures which would possibly further reduce the rate of accidents.

It is in order to establish what is available in the second package before making a final decision, that I am meeting the retailers tomorrow (Tuesday). I have already had discussions with the manufacturers.

There was a massive fall in accidents last year and we hope there will be a further fall this year. Any action we hope to take in regard to that will be to reduce it further next year.

MISS JANET FOOKES (Plymouth, Drake, C)—If fireworks were a new invention no government would consider allowing them for general sale to the public.

MR WILLIAMS—There is an inspectorate which has responsibility and ample power where there are products of a danger to the public. There are certain imported fireworks which are in bond and not distributed because the inspectorate will not allow them to be distributed.

Pubs will have to display drink prices

MR IOAN EVANS (Aberdare, Lab) asked if the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection would take steps to ensure that prices are displayed in public houses.

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister of State—I made an order, under section 4 of the Prices Act, 1975, today which comes into operation on December 1. The order, which commands wide support in the trade and from consumers, is expected to be laid and published next Monday.

MR EVANS—That is an encouraging reply. Would he give maximum publicity to this statement? There are bitter feelings among many customers because of the variation of prices from public house to public house and between different customers at different times of the evening.

MR WILLIAMS—He is correct in stating the public alarm at this. In one survey carried out by a Midlands authority they found that in 66 per cent of the pubs visited there was overcharging. In some instances the overcharging was as much as 50 per cent above the brewers' recommended prices.

MR WATKINSON (West Gloucestershire, Lab) asked the Attorney General for a statement on the Director of Public Prosecution's investigations into the evidence presented by a prison doctor and policemen at the Birmingham bomb trial

MR SAMUEL SILKIN said in a written reply: Yes. The Director of Public Prosecutions has received a report on the matters referred to and is now considering

Parliamentary notices

House of Commons

Today at 2.30: Children Bill, remaining stages.

House of Lords

Today at 2.30: Community Land Bill, committee stage. Motions on Social Security Pensions (Northern Ireland) Order and Child Benefit (Northern Ireland) Order.

Selective programme of price restraint on essential goods

MR CANAVAN (West Stirlingshire, Lab) asked whether the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection would now introduce further measures to control prices.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab)—The present strict price controls are being continued. They permit price increases only when they are justified by costs.

A price freeze now would only put more jobs at risk since firms' margins, which are little more than half the permitted reference levels set in 1973, would not allow them to absorb the additional costs themselves.

The Government have undertaken to take further consultative action on the prices of products of special importance in family expenditure once it is clear that costs have decelerated sufficiently to allow such action to be taken without causing bankruptcy and unemployment.

MR CANAVAN—In view of reports that by next spring the average family's weekly food bill will have increased by about £1.30 and the £6 pay limit will be more than used up by further increases in items like rents, rates and fuel, will she investigate the possibility of a selective price freeze on certain basic food items and make mandatory the local price surveys she has asked local authorities to introduce?

MRS WILLIAMS—The purpose of the selective price restraint programme we shall be negotiating with industry over the next few months is precisely to hold down the costs of essential goods across the range in order to marry the restraint being shown in the area of incomes. People have a right to expect some return for the restraint they are showing.

MR GILES SHAW (Pudsey, C)—would she care to comment on the chances of improving the climate of unemployment by taking on more jobs if she is able to relax price control?

MRS WILLIAMS—Through the whole of the counter-inflation programme we are walking a delicate tightrope between the need to maintain employment and the need to resist inflation pressures.

Taking these two factors into account and attempting to balance them as best one can, I do not believe that further relaxation in the price code during this counter-inflationary year would be sensible, but I recognize that the effect of price control has been sharply to lower profit margins and the House should be aware of this.

MR THORNE (Preston, South, Lab)—Jobs are already at risk following the Government's attack on inflation policy. Confidence might be restored among the British people if she really did attack prices.

MRS WILLIAMS—If it had not been for the counter-inflation programme we would have grave problems in attempting to sell our exports and maintain the credibility of this country. That is why my colleagues and I strongly support the counter-inflation programme.

As soon as the cost pressures begin to ease it is my full intention to make sure that these cost price easings are reflected in the level of prices.

MR LAMONT, an Opposition spokesman (Kingston upon Thames, C)—Has she seen the report of the economic development committee of the food and drink industry on investment in that industry? In 1976 they expect investment to be down 20 per cent, in 1977 to be down 30 per cent and in 1978 to be down 40 per cent. Should she not drum those figures into the know-nothing left?

MRS WILLIAMS—The food manufacturers have seen a rapid drop in their profit margins: approximately half in the first quarter of 1975 what they were in the first quarter of 1974.

In a counter-inflation period the Government have to put a squeeze on profits as well as on incomes. That is the right thing to do, but we have recognized in the price code, and were the first Government to do so, that there is scope for investment relief and that is why we have written it into the code.

Freeze would hit jobs

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab) asked if the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection was satisfied with the current price code, and if she would consider introducing legislation for a price freeze of essential commodities together with the publication of maximum prices to be charged, such price lists to cover a much wider range than solely subsidized foods.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS—The price code is far from perfect, but it does keep price increases down in line with increases in costs. To superimpose a price freeze on essential goods when costs are still rising would endanger the jobs of those who make them.

However I shall shortly begin negotiations with the appropriate representative bodies for a programme of selective price restraint on a range of goods of special importance in family expenditure.

The programme will come into operation when it is clear that the pay limit is being effectively observed. Imposing maximum prices on unsubsidized goods does little to keep prices down. I am initiating regular price comparisons widely on which will be based price lists showing where prices are lowest in each locality covered.

MR CRYER—The TUC would welcome a price freeze particularly in view of their cooperation over the social contract. The publication of a much wider range of prices would be widely welcomed and could be adequately policed by the local authority price consumer units. That would implement that section of Labour's programme of 1973 under the machinery of price control.

MRS WILLIAMS—I would like a price freeze, but I am faced with the fact that in the two months to September the price of material imports into food manufacturing alone rose 10 per cent. Last month oil prices rose by 10 per cent. If they were stopped from being followed through it would lead to wide-scale redundancies.

There is also a range of shop prices from the small corner shop to the city centre supermarket. If we set maximum prices that enable the small shop to stay in business—and their incomes are small at less than £2,000 a year—it would ensure large profits for the supermarkets. It is not maximum prices that are most effective, but widely publicized prices.

MR MICHAEL MORRIS (Northampton, South, C)—Food manufacturers have borne the brunt of the restraint under the previous Government and this. As commodity prices are rising again, far from any further restraint there is going to have to be a relaxation of the price code for food manufacturers in general.

MRS WILLIAMS—There has been some improvement in the position of the food manufacturers. It is as much in their interest that the counter-inflation programmes should succeed as anybody elses.

MR LAMONT, an Opposition spokesman (Kingston upon Thames, C)—It is absurd that Associated British Foods should have had to ask for permission to reduce the price of a standard loaf by 0.5p and it is equally absurd that some manufacturers should be prevented from selling loaves in traditional waxed paper at lower prices rather than loaves in plastic bags.

MRS WILLIAMS—Allied got their permission right away. They asked for the right to decrease the price by 0.5p. We have a direct responsibility to this House and to the public to make sure subsidies go to the consumer

Bill after talks on exemption clauses

MRS SALLY OPPENHEIM (Gloucester, C) asked when the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection intended to implement the recommendations of the Law Commission and the Scottish Law Commission on exemption clauses in services.

MR ALAN WILLIAMS, Minister of State—I intend to introduce legislation to deal with exemption clauses as soon as possible after we have completed consultations on the proposals with the consumer legal and business interests concerned.

MRS OPPENHEIM—This process is likely to take a lot of time, though I appreciate the difficulties. Because of the need for this long overdue legislation to protect consumers from these exemption clauses, will he undertake to give Government support to any private member's Bill in the next session?

MR WILLIAMS—I share her sense of urgency. On the less complex issue of exclusion clauses on goods, the Conservative Government took virtually three years to carry out consultation. If practicable we hope to complete consultations in the coming legislative year and then to try to introduce legislation at the earliest possible date.

She will know the complex nature of the matter, particularly the reports' recommendations for codification of the law. It is doubtful if that would be appropriate for private members' legislation.

MR HUGH DYKES (Harrow, East, C)—Does he intend to introduce in this legislation an element which will prohibit garages from protecting themselves against damage to vehicles in car parks or garages during repairs?

MR WILLIAMS—We want to be fair to the consumer. The report is complex. We hope to complete the consultations in a matter of months.

MR CRYER (Keighley, Lab)—Many thousands will be entering into holiday contracts and there have been tragic cases where accidents have happened. Exclusion clauses have prevented their making claims.

MR WILLIAMS—These clauses have caused unfairness to consumers and it is time that we eliminated them in some areas and modified them in others. It is an intricate sphere involving insurance, for instance. We want to get it right.

Polytechnic allegation: investigation continuing

House of Lords

Lord Russell of Killowen, a Lord of Appeal, formerly Sir Charles Russell, was introduced.

LORD GLADWYN (L) asked whether the proceedings at the Polytechnic of North London, as recorded in the recently published book *Rape of Reason*, had been brought to the notice of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH, Minister of State, Home Office—The Attorney General has referred to the Director of Public Prosecutions an allegation of misuse of public funds by the students' union of the North London Polytechnic, and a police investigation is in progress. In this context, the investigating officer has been made aware of the publication of the book *Rape of Reason*.

LORD GLADWYN—Are there legal means, in the general way, of preventing the virtual takeover of our seats of learning by small groups of alleged Marxists employing what amount to tactics of organizational terrorism and general thuggery?

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH—In the light of the investigation proceeding, it is not appropriate for me to make any further comment.

LORD HAILSHAM of ST MARYLEBONE—There are two quite separate questions here. The first deals with the improper use of funds in the hands of the students' union, and obviously I cannot make any comment on that so long as it is under investigation.

The other relates to allegations contained in the book of criminal damage, unlawful detention, and general disorder. This seems to be separate from the question of funds. Is it contemplated to refer these matters also to the DPP?

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH—I have endeavoured to point out that the police officer conducting this investigation has had this book drawn to his attention.

The EARL of ONSLOW—In the book, it was alleged that students climbed on to the roof of the building, that they tore pieces away from the roof, put a loud hailer through it, and shouted things down, reported in *The Times*, which I could not repeat

LORD HARRIS of GREENWICH—Any specific action of a criminal character will be looked into.

Opposition want pay beds to stay while NHS royal commission investigates

MR NORMAN FOWLER, Opposition spokesman on social services (Sutton Coldfield, C), opening a debate on the National Health Service, moved that the salary of the Secretary of State for Social Service (Mrs Barbara Castle) should be reduced by half.

He said the background to the present position was the crisis in the health service. Apart from the disputes seen over the last month there were problems of an even more fundamental nature.

There was a lack of resources that mean the new hospitals could not be provided, new extensions built, or equipment bought. Nurses who finished their training could not get positions in the hospitals where they trained because there was no money to pay them.

Such problems were not going to be suddenly solved and there were regrettable signs that the situation would get worse. Once again it was the familiar problem of inflation that should have been tackled by the Government months ago.

Resources within the health service were not just buildings and equipment. They were also human; the hospital staff of nurses, doctors, and consultants.

The Opposition's case against the Government was directed against how the Government had handled those human resources. The health service had been kept going by the devoted work of the people employed within it. If their morale was eroded this resource was put at risk. The result of Government policy was that, as Mrs Castle had admitted, there was widespread demoralization.

At a time of unprecedented inflation the Government had cut the pay of agency nurses and this was eliminating the agency nurse from the NHS. Many women were leaving the nursing profession to go to other jobs.

The collapse of morale in the medical profession was visible for all to see. Disputes had accelerated and more and more doctors were considering the prospect of a career abroad. The department's own figures showed a loss through emigration of more than 300 British doctors a year. That was bad enough but the indications were that the trend was increasing. The overseas bureau of the British Medical Association in London was handling 80 inquiries a month.

Many doctors were taking American qualifying examinations as a matter of course and more than ever were considering a career there. Specialists such as senior registrars and consultants were leaving London and other professional centres, like Birmingham, in large numbers.

To put it at its most moderate (he said) we are faced with a serious question of medical morale.

Breathing space

For that reason the Opposition welcomed a full-scale inquiry into the NHS. It not only allowed the current underlying problems of the service to be examined but it also provided a breathing space. The medical and dental professions were united in their desire for such an inquiry, provided it was able to inquire into the Government's decision to abolish pay beds.

Government proposals to abolish pay beds were at the heart of the dispute between the medical profession and the Government. It was a policy which had aroused the overwhelming opposition of the medical profession. The profession wanted a fundamental review and pending the conclusion a postponement of the decision to abolish pay beds.

The Government were saying that this was a solemn pledge, so firm, so loudly proclaimed and fundamental, that no delay of any kind could be contemplated. This was in essence their case on this issue. But in their manifesto there was hardly a declaration of a policy which could stand no delay. Perhaps the Labour Party was campaigning in the constituencies on this issue at the last election.

Not a bit of it. Mrs Castle had told the people of Blackburn a number of things, but of pay beds there was no mention. What she had said was that Labour policy was based on conciliation, consultation, and consent.

If Government policy towards the medical profession was based on conciliation, consultation, and consent he hoped they would never reach confrontation. (Conservative cheers.)

There was one policy which was even worse than that of Mrs Castle. That was the policy of the Labour Party conference which voted not for separation but complete abolition of private practice. That had led to the intervention of the Prime Minister whose statement last week rejected outright the policy of the Labour Party conference and set down that what they were arguing about was not whether private practice should continue but how it should be organized.

Ludicrous

The central aim of the Government's policy on separation was, in Mrs Castle's words, to get private medicine to stand on its own feet. Whether one agreed with Government policy or not this was a startling and original way of expressing what was intended. The private sector was allowed to exist, but licensed not only for quality but quantity. In other words if the new service showed signs of flourishing and developing it would be prevented.

Development was to be deliberately restricted by the state and what would be restricted with it would be the freedom of the citizen to spend his own money in the manner he chose. (Conservative cheers.) Private practice was to be rationed. It was a policy which was wrong in principle and ludicrous in practice.

The Government must provide answers concerning the practical effects of abolishing pay beds. The pay beds compromise was often the only way at present that the opportunity for private practice could be exercised. If the pay beds went and the private sector was not allowed to develop, consultants would be deprived of that opportunity. Some would go abroad and others would stay and seek a full-time contract in the NHS. How was that contract to be financed? Already the British Medical Association were receiving reports of consultants wanting to go fulltime but being told that there was no money to finance this move.

Was Mrs Castle going to make extra money available for this policy? If she was, how did she justify this policy when by preserving the present compromise that same money could be used to employ extra nurses and for other purposes?

Compromise

The Opposition felt that pay beds in hospitals represented a sensible compromise which operated to the benefit of the patient, whose interests were paramount. The compromise was valued by the medical profession. It enabled consultants to work in the same hospital with the same support team and brought in much needed income to the health service.

Surely this was not the time to turn their backs on this income.

The BMA were opposed to the Government's policy. So were the British Dental Association, the Royal College of Physicians, the Royal College of Surgeons, the Royal College of Nursing, and the administrators.

They only asked that the Government should postpone action until the royal commission on the National Health Service reported. Surely this was not unreasonable. (Conservative cheers.) It would provide a breathing space so that the fundamental NHS problems could be examined.

In principle the Opposition supported the setting up of the royal commission; the Government were merely being asked to postpone action on pay beds and agency nurses.

If the Government do not make this concession (he said) they would miss an outstanding opportunity of restoring morale and will bear a heavy responsibility.

Unsafe tyre reports being investigated

MR ANTHONY GRANT (Harrow, Central, C) asked for a statement on the use in Britain of a large number of imported tyres which were unsafe for use on motor vehicles.

MR GILBERT, Minister for Transport (Dudley, East, Lab)—Existing legislation prohibits the sale and use of tyres which are unsuitable, whatever their origin. I am having investigations made into reports which have appeared in the press over the weekend.

MR GRANT—There has been grave disquiet, ever since it first arose in 1973, among the motoring public about the danger to life from these shoddy goods. Will the minister undertake to report to the House the result of the inquiry into press reports which suggest that 5,000 killer tyres from Germany have been sold to British motorists.

Are existing regulations adequate and capable of being enforced? Rather than rely on them, will the minister consider with the Department of Trade and our EEC partners banning these dangerous goods at source?

MR GILBERT—I am aware of the 1973 incident to which Mr Grant refers. That was an isolated case, so far as I am aware, and substantial fines were levied on those responsible for the offences involved.

I am satisfied with the current state of the regulations. There are always people who will breach any regulations but I am happy to look at Mr Grant's suggestion of cooperation with the EEC partners to tackle problems of this sort.

This is a salutary warning to people not to shop around for cut price tyres at the risk of their own lives.

MR BIDWELL (Ealing, Southall, Lab)—Does Mr Gilbert know that there are tyres made in Japan on some British Army vehicles, and has he reason to believe that some may be substandard when the vehicles take to the highway?

MR GILBERT—I am not aware of those circumstances. There were some allegations about Japanese-made moped tyres with poor road-holding capability in wet weather but that was not substantiated. If Mr Bidwell has any information about a breach of any other sort, I shall be happy to look into it.

MR FOX, Opposition spokesman on transport (Shipley, C)—Mr Gilbert may be satisfied with the regulations at home, but that shows up the weakness with our EEC partners. Bearing in mind what the minister was doing last week, on drivers' hours, perhaps he should use his influence to stop this trade in which one partner, incredibly, could export goods of this type.

MR GILBERT—I am not sure that I accept all Mr Fox's assumptions. There is nothing improper, under the regulations in this country, if a tyre is manufactured to a certain degree of safety at speed, and it is found not to meet those requirements, for it to be sold, with the knowledge of the trader and the purchaser, for use in less demanding conditions.

The question of trade with the EEC is something of a red herring. The regulations make it an offence to sell a defective or unsuitable tyre.

Study of legal aid priorities

The Community Land Bill was further considered in committee.

On Schedule 4 (acquisition and appropriation of land),

LADY YOUNG, for the Opposition, moved an amendment giving an objector at a public inquiry the right to legal aid.

She said an objector would need the assistance of a solicitor, a chartered surveyor, and probably a barrister.

It seemed to be a reasonable provision that those who could not afford to pay for assistance should be able to apply for legal aid.

The LORD CHANCELLOR said that legal advice and preliminary assistance was available to anyone whose income came within the financial limits of eligibility who wished to make representations at an inquiry into a compulsory purchase order under the Bill.

The machinery under which this advice and preliminary assistance could be obtained was known as "the green form scheme".

However, an objector could not receive full legal aid for representation before an inquiry itself. This was because there was no provision, and never had been, for making legal aid available for any representations at an inquiry.

He had sympathy with the amendment, but unhappily this was not a moment to call for an increase in public expenditure.

He had commissioned a far-reaching study into the priorities for legal aid, the work on which had been nearly completed.

The amendment would be studied again in the light of the study report.

The amendment was carried by 103 votes to 66—majority against the Government, 37.

£4,500m budget: talk of collapse attacked as 'scaremongering'

MRS BARBARA CASTLE, Secretary of State for Social Services (Blackburn, Lab), said the motion was interesting because she gathered from her researchers that it was unique in the size of the cut it proposed in her salary. (Conservative cheers.)

I am grateful to the Opposition for this distinction which I find flattering (she continued) and I only hope I can continue to merit the importance they attach to it.

Mr Fowler had insinuated that all the current crises in the NHS were due to her. (Conservative shouts of "It is".) This was cool cheek. He had to have some justification for the swingeing attack on her already frozen remuneration. (Laughter.)

If MPs wanted to reach useful conclusions about what was wrong with the NHS and how to remedy this they would have to begin by admitting as *The Times* did in a recent leading article on clear thinking in the NHS, that "the Government is not really to blame for the long term problems that have so greatly undermined morale". Therefore, she was not to blame, either.

The deputations which had lined up to see her when she took over the department had told her that morale in the health service had never been lower. The deputations had including representatives of the BMA, the nursing profession, radiographers, and ancillary workers.

The first reason they had given for the collapse in morale under the previous Government was that the rewards of everyone working in the health service had fallen out of line because of the Conservative pay policy. The second reason was that the NHS reorganization, sired by Sir Keith Joseph, had caused disruption and uncertainty, plus expense.

Big awards

In April this year the consultants, general practitioners, junior doctors and the corresponding groups of dentists were given substantial awards from 30 to 38 per cent by their review body. The Government accepted the award subject only to the cut-off limit in top salaries.

The Government had made an extra £750m available through supplementary estimates to inflation-proof the NHS and that meant that last year the percentage of gross national product devoted to the service rose to 5.4 per cent, the highest figure in the history of the NHS.

What the Government had done was to put people before buildings. That meant that only a part of the capital cuts introduced by the previous Conservative Government could be restored. It also became clear that inflation had become the biggest enemy of the NHS and priority had to be switched from the adjustment of pay grievances to the containing of inflation, which threatened the country's whole economy.

As for the junior doctors, Mr Fowler's speech reminded her of the dog who did not bark in the night.

Where was his great attack (she asked) and his great leadership on this issue that we were all told in the press we were going to get? It is in moments like this, when the service is threatened with a widespread industrial dispute, that we can test a politician's honesty, courage and consistency.

Mr Fowler and the House knew perfectly well that if the Government were to try to reach a settlement of the dispute—on which the newspapers had been conducting a sustained attack on her, and to which Mr Fowler had referred—by allocating extra money above the pay policy, that policy would be in ruins within a matter of months.

MR FOWLER—Mrs Castle is rigid action and the answer is: "No we do not". It is a point I have made before, and my colleagues have made, and it is a point that Labour never made when in Opposition.

MRS CASTLE—That statement is as inaccurate as most of his previous ones. Will Mr Fowler tell the House whether he supports a breach in the pay policy?

MR FOWLER—No, I do not.

MRS CASTLE—Will he get up and say to the junior doctors: "This is a breach in the pay policy?"

MR FOWLER—We have made this clear and we have said this in the House and on the media. She cannot get away with this, and for her of all people to talk about courage when her party has the worst record in history on this.

MRS CASTLE—The junior doctors' dispute was one of the genuine crises and problems facing the NHS. She regretted this dispute as much as anyone. No government more than this one recognized the devoted contribution made by junior doctors to the health service or were more anxious to improve their conditions steadily and systematically.

I understand the feelings of those doctors who find themselves worse off (she said) but the new contract structure was one which the juniors themselves had asked me for. I never sought to impose it, nor do I now. I am ready to explore any ways of overcoming the present difficulties within the money available.

I am willing to see their negotiators at any time. I have been waiting to hear what time they would like to meet me. I was ready to ask the House to excuse me this afternoon so that I could go and meet them. I have now heard that they want to see me and to fix a meeting for Wednesday of this week and of course I have agreed.

She had suggested that the implementation of the new contract could be postponed until April and could then include a "no detriment" clause which could be financed out of the money available for doctors under their next pay settement under the counter-inflationary policy. This would have to be put to the review body.

She had made clear that changes could be made in the distribution of the existing money so as to deal with the problem of "no detriment", provided always that the total sum was not exceeded and subject to the review body's approval. If the profession had anything fresh to propose in relation to distributing the existing pay bill, she and her colleagues would be ready to discuss it.

The doctors were going ahead with a ballot of their members. The spread of industrial action, unofficial and linked to a welter of conflicting aims and explanations, was causing grave inconvenience to patients and might, before it was through, cause serious hardship or worse.

Suddenly there was a deluge of sensational headlines about a crisis in the NHS. Morale, they were told, had collapsed. Doctors were said to be emigrating on a record scale and British graduates to be no longer coming forward for training in surgery.

The campaign had been carried to such obscene lengths that some of those with genuine anxiety about the health service had become alarmed. They knew that this continuous talk about the destruction of morale could become a self-fulfilling prophecy.

It took time to check whether intentions to emigrate were carried out, but Britain was not faced with the landslide it suited some people's purpose to suggest. Nor was this country faced with the crumbling of its nursing service. On the contrary, thanks to the Halsbury award the wastage of nurses had fallen sharply and the numbers in training were going up.

Nor was it true that the steps taken by the Government to reduce the dependence of the NHS on agency nurses had led to a crisis in NHS hospitals. Reducing NHS dependence on agency nurses had been the policy of successive governments. It was in the interests of patients to have a stable nursing force.

The Labour Party opposed the Conservatives' system of NHS reorganization but considered that it would be irresponsible and immensely damaging to patient care to try to reverse that structure. A lot of people were devoting much time, energy and devotion to making the new structure work.

The Government wanted to work out with them how a better system of management might gradually evolve and how some of the administrative costs of reorganization could be streamlined.

Sky not limit

They had all begun to realize the financial limits on the development of the NHS. The sky was not the limit for this or any other service. But before they got too tragic about this they should realize that it had always been so.

Since 1964 the NHS share of expenditure had risen steadily until it reached the peak of 5.4 per cent last year. The reductions announced for 1976-77 by the Chancellor in his Budget speech would be mainly borne by capital spending. The Government did not intend to reduce NHS spending in the current financial year, in spite of pressure by the Opposition to make swingeing cuts. (Labour cheers.)

It was true that the recent growth was likely to be checked in the next few years as part of the Government's need to curb inflation and restore the country's economic strength. In the current financial year they were allocating over £4,500m to the NHS.

She would fight for the NHS's rightful share of public expenditure. But to talk of the service collapsing with levels of expenditure like that was sheer scaremongering. (Labour cheers.)

MRS LYNDA CHALKER (Wallasey, C)—How many wards have been closed because they cannot be staffed by agency nurses under the minister's circular, and because there are not enough other nurses to staff them of sufficient calibre to take care of the patients? (Conservative cheers.)

MRS CASTLE—We are watching the situation carefully. There has been no disruption of the kind Mrs Chalker suggests. However, I will have a careful check made with my department. (Conservative protests.)

Out of sympathy

All the talk of phasing out pay beds was irrelevant because what they ought to be concentrating on was getting more resources for health care. Mr Fowler wanted more private practice and more queue jumping. Mrs Thatcher, the Leader of the Opposition, had said at the Conservative conference: "We Conservatives do not accept that because some people have no choice no one should have it."

Mrs Thatcher revealed that she was totally out of sympathy with the concept on which the NHS was founded—its aim of providing comprehensive health care for everyone as part of their birthright as citizens of a civilized nation.

Fulfilment of that aim had become more difficult but that was true of everywhere else in the world. Every country was facing the problem of priorities. It was a question whether the priorities should be medical or financial. The Government believed they should establish medical priorities.

Increasing numbers of staff in hospitals saw the advance of pay beds for what it was—an endorsement of the principle of inequality in health care. That led inexorably to the growing intrusion of private money into the provision of health care. It was the beginning of the end of the concept of the NHS.

The House was talking about a fundamental political principle and not whether they could afford to lose £24m estimated revenue from pay beds this year—£24m out of a budget of £4,500m. They could dismiss the argument on cash.

What divides us (she said) is a fundamental point of principle and that is why it must be decided by Parliament and not by a royal commission.

The royal commission could, and she hoped, would, examine how they could use the large budget of the NHS better.

They had not only to choose the right priorities such as expansion of primary care but had also to use their money more effectively. They had already found by the initiatives they had taken, that that could be done. The royal commission could help there.

She was anxious to introduce the pay beds policy in a planned and reasonable way which would help the patient to have access to private treatment outside the health service if that was what he or she preferred.

She proposed the system of licensing, not as a sinister first step towards the abolition of private practice but because she wanted to ensure that they had the means to encourage the fairest distribution of private practice throughout the country, to give the maximum freedom of choice. (Conservative shouts of "Humbug".)

They were already aware of a number of proposals for large scale developments in private medicine which could do enormous damage to the NHS and the majority of the medical profession.

There was a proposal for a 500-bed centre of excellence in the Bristol area. It would draw its patients from a wide catchment area, being placed at a strategic point on the motorway, but would obviously recruit most of its nursing and ancillary staff locally, with consequences for local PHS hospitals which must cause all of them anxiety. Those were the problems she wished to discuss with the medical profession, without preconditions.

She wanted to reach agreement on the best ways, from everybody's point of view, of dealing with the situation when pay beds were phased out.

She would be prepared to consider other ways of doing it. Their policy was not to abolish private practice.

We intend to embody the existing right to private practice in the legislation we propose (she said). So much for the hypocritical nonsense about "the watchtower, the searchlight and the Berlin Wall".

To the Liberals, who had joined in the hue and cry, she would say that Lloyd George would be ashamed of them. (Laughter.)

In proposing to phase out the pay beds from the health service, Aneurin Bevan had created, she was completing the work he had begun by removing a defect which had been in the service from the beginning.

Figuring out the cost of living

MR JESSEL (Richmond upon Thames, Twickenham, C) asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection what was the percentage increase in the cost of living over the last 12 months.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS (Hertford and Stevenage, Lab)—The retail prices index for September was 26.6 per cent higher than a year earlier. This represents a small decrease on the corresponding year-on-year figure for August and marks the first year-on-year decline for 12 months.

MR JESSEL—Why have the Government allowed the rate of increase in the cost of living to treble in the 12 months since October, 1974, when the Chancellor of the Exchequer announced that the rate of increase in the cost of living was 8 per cent?

MRS WILLIAMS—I am answering a question about year-on-year rates. He is quoting the three monthly rate. It does the House no good to compare those two rates.

MR TOMLINSON (Meriden, Lab)—Conservative MPs seemed to be remarkably concerned about quarterly figures up until recently. Why has there been this apparent conversion from asking for quarterly figures to now asking for yearly figures? (Labour cheers.)

MRS WILLIAMS—He has put his finger on the point. The three monthly trend rates are as follows: In July the three months trend at an annual rate was 32.6 per cent and the Opposition were interested; in August it was 15.2 per cent and the Opposition had no opportunity to ask questions; in September it was 10.4 per cent and the Opposition have not asked any questions. (Labour cheers and laughter.)

MR ADLEY (Christchurch and Lymington, C)—No matter how much she tries to wriggle, fiddle and twist, the fact is that the Chancellor at the last election a year ago deliberately sought to tell the country that the rate of inflation was 8.4 per cent. As the majority of people are not quite so clever as she or the Chancellor is at twisting and deceiving the people of this country . . . (Labour protests.)

The SPEAKER (Mr Selwyn Lloyd)—He must not accuse another MP of deceiving.

MR ADLEY—I withdraw that and say misleading the country by a terminological inexactitude which sought to give the impression that the Government had inflation under control. To what does she ascribe the fact that inflation has exploded so much? Is it too much or too little socialism?

MRS WILLIAMS—He does the profession of politics no good by continually switching from year-on-year rates to three monthly rates. The House must decide what it wants and stick to that. Constant changes to favour Opposition advantage is no help in the battle against inflation.

The Government made no bones about the fact that increased costs, including raw material, labour and interest costs, were behind the level of inflation. The Government embarked on a counter inflation policy which is operating across the board. It is high time the Opposition gave us full support. (Labour cheers.)

MRS SALLY OPPENHEIM, Opposition spokesman on consumer affairs (Gloucester, C)—In order that the facts should be put as simply as possible in view of the conflicting forecasts about the rate of inflation could she say whether we should accept the Chancellor's forecast that the rate will be between 12 and 16 per cent by the end of this year, the Government's target of 10 per cent by the end of next year or the Foreign Secretary's forecast of about 12 per cent by the end of next year?

MRS WILLIAMS—When the last administration left office it was basing its own forecasts on a probable decline of a rapid kind in the commodity levels. In the event that was proved wrong. It is wiser to say that we are at present directly on target of the Government's own forecasts for the retail price index by the end of next year. It would be unwise to say that that forecast is firm in the event of what may occur in the world outside. Only recently there was an increase as a result of Opec bargaining in oil prices which none of us could foresee.

20p in £ saved by shopping around

MR JOHN CARTWRIGHT (Greenwich, Woolwich, East, Lab) asked the Secretary of State for Prices and Consumer Protection about the reaction of local authorities to her proposals for local price monitoring.

MRS SHIRLEY WILLIAMS—I am pleased at the encouraging response. A total of 130 firms and provisional applications in respect of about 460 shopping centres have been received. One hundred and eight are from local authorities.

MR CARTWRIGHT—Certain local chambers of commerce have voiced opposition to the concept of price comparisons. Would she confirm that the honest retailer has nothing to fear from this process where it is competently and fairly undertaken? Would she press on with the campaign to persuade still more local authorities to undertake this work?

MRS WILLIAMS—We have discovered in preliminary surveys that savings of as much as 20p in the £ can be made by shopping where the best value for money is available.

We should tell the retail trade that we take its own claims to competition seriously and intend to make it really possible. The retailer who is efficient and who is receiving his customers properly has nothing to fear and everything to gain from the facts being widely known.

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UC order in union merger talks set aside

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Mr Justice Foster

proceedings arising from proposals between the rtion of Professional, Execu- lerical and Computer Staff) and the Staff Association General Accident Insurance (SAGA), the court decided decision of the General of the Trades Union Con- enforcing an award by its s committee requiring that rger be not proceeded with excess of its powers and

Lordship granted Mr Rothwell, former chair- the staff association, a tion against APEX that an given by the TUC's disputes mee, on a complaint by the rtion of Scientific Technical anagerial Staff (ASTMS) on of the merger negotiations, ra vires the committee and further that the disputes mee had no power to award ide that ASTMS was the riate trade union for ees of the General Acci- orporation Ltd. Mr Roth- was also granted similar tions against the TUC.

Anthony Lester, QC, Mr der Irvine and Mr Maurice son for Mr Rothwell; Mr ick Reynold for APEX; Mr ain, QC, Mr K. W. Wedder- nd Mr V. V. Veeder for the

LORDSHIP said that in 1970 merged with the Union of Insurance Staff and then started organizing the staff of the General Accident Corporation. As a resut of the merger and subsequent activities of ASTMS among General Accident employees, a trade union known as the Staff Association General Accident (SAGA) was formed from the employees. Mr Rothwell was chairman until August 16, 1974. SAGA registered under the Industrial Relations Act, 1971, but it never became affiliated to the TUC. ASTMS, which was affiliated to the TUC, was also registered, but later withdrew its registration.

After 1971 there was keen competition between ASTMS and SAGA in recruiting General Accident employees, and the Commission on Industrial Relations (constituted under the Industrial Relations Act) recommended that they should merge. A meeting on March 20, 1974, of SAGA's executive committee accepted an offer to negotiate a transfer of engagements from SAGA to APEX. ASTMS heard of the negotiations and complained to the TUC that APEX's conduct constituted a beach of the Bridlington Principles, which were designed to minimize disputes between unions over membership questions.

The TUC rules and standing orders provided by rule 8 for the duties of its General Council. Rule 8(c) required the council to endeavour to adjust disputes and differences between affiliated organizations. Rule 12 dealt with disputes between affiliated organizations and rule 12(f) provided that "Upon notification from an affiliated organization . . . or upon the application of an affiliated organization . . . the General Council shall have the power to investigate cases of dispute or disagreement between affiliated organizations and to refer such cases to the disputes committee.

Rule 12(h) gave power to the General Council to summon the contending organizations to appear before the disputes committee and rule 12(j) provided that should an affiliated organization not carry into effect a General Council decision in connexion with cases under rule 12, the General Council could report the matter to the annual congress or otherwise deal with the organization under rule 13 (which dealt with the conduct of affiliated organizations).

His Lordship said it was curious that nowhere in the rules was there any provision as to the appointment, composition or powers of the disputes committee though there were certain regulations.

Conciliation attempts made by Mr Lionel Murray, TUC general secretary, after receipt of the letter from ASTMS were abortive. Mr Murray then appointed a disputes committee consisting of Mr *Gormley*, Mr *Knapp* and Mr Clarke, who heard the case on July 16. Their award was that APEX should have consulted ASTMS before approaching SAGA and therefore APEX acted in breach of Principle 5 of the Bridlington Principles. The committee also concluded that ASTMS was the appropriate union for staff employed by General Accident and that APEX should not proceed further with its merger arrangements with SAGA.

A memorandum from the committee was included in the General Council's report to the 1974 Congress, which passed a motion adopting the report. It was to be noted that, apart from receiving the disputes committee's award and including the award in its report to Congress, the General Council had taken no part in the proceedings.

It was clear, however, that the award itself had no binding force, for after the 1974 Congress it was considered by the General Council and the finance and general purpose committee. In the minutes of that committee it was said that "It was the unanimous view that the General Council decision . . . to refer back the minute made it clear that the General Council took the view that when the award had been made and had been endorsed by Congress a union was bound to implement it." It was, therefore, agreed to inform APEX that they must proceed to implement the award. APEX then undertook to issue notices of termination of membership to the former SAGA members and to cooperate with the TUC in defending any legal action by former SAGA members. Mr Rothwell's writ was, inter alia, to restrain APEX from expelling him and the other former members of SAGA from APEX.

In order that affiliated unions should be under an obligation to carry into effect TUC disciplinary decisions, a model rule had been devised which had found its way into the rules of most affiliated unions. APEX rule 14, headed "Decisions of TUC disputes committee", stated that its executive council might terminate the membership of any member, if necessary, in order to comply with a decision of the disputes committee of the TUC. That rule was curiously worded since it did not seem that under the TUC's own rules the decision of the disputes committee had any force or effect unless and until the General Council (or Congress) decided what to do under rules 12 or 13 of the TUC rules. However, it was under the terms of its rule 14 that APEX intended to terminate the membership of former SAGA members.

Counsel for Mr Rothwell had submitted that Apex rule 14 was void as being contrary to public policy. Public policy was always dangerous ground for a court to use in order to decide a case and there was no need to decide the question on the view his Lordship had taken. But if the rule was valid, counsel for APEX submitted that it did not apply to a decision which was contrary to a statute or was itself criminal. Counsel for the TUC submitted that an award which was made in bad faith or was perverse or made in breach of natural justice would not come within rule 14.

For Mr Rothwell it was said that it did not apply to an award which was void as being ultra vires the disputes committee or the TUC General Council. Counsel for the TUC said that there was an implied obligation on APEX to do nothing which would put it outside the power of APEX to carry out an award.

His Lordship said that for his part he could not see that there could be an implied obligation to carry out any decision of the award and particularly not to do anything before the decision was made. He had come to the conclusion that rule 14 did not apply to an award which was ultra vires the disputes committee or the General Council. No doubt those advising the TUC would consider whether the procedure adopted was or was not in accordance with the rules. Not only was the disputes committee's award ultra vires and void but the General Council's decision to enforce it was also ultra vires and void. APEX therefore could not use its rule 14 to expel former members of SAGA.

Solicitors: Bindman & Partners for Mr Rothwell; Mr John L. Williams for APEX; Shaen, Roscoe & Bracewell for the TUC.

t of Appeal

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d Dominions Trust Ltd v rn

Lord Justice Megaw, Lord Scarman and Lord Justice

nents delivered October 24]

distinguish between the ss signing of a completed ent and the signing of a ent in blank, which the ory knew would be filled h his consent by someone was neither right in law nor able to common sense, for negotiable instruments ch special rules might apply. ther person was authorized plete the form, the signa- ook his chance of the blanks filled in fraudulently.

Court of Appeal dismissed peal by Mr Eric Reginald n; aged 24, of Grays Road, , against an order of Judge Duveen, QC, at Slough y Court last January, that laintiffs, United Dominions Ltd, of Eastcheap, City, to recover from the appel- £750 (including interest) in t of a car bought by him dealers, Romany Car Sales, ill Street, Slough, and on no instalments of the *ase price had been paid. The* also provided for recovery ie appellant of his deposit o the dealers.

David Eady for the appel- *Mr David Morton Jack (who not appear below) for the* . The dealers did not appear were not represented.

ORD JUSTICE MEGAW said in 1972 the appellant wanted uy a car on hire purchase Romany Car Sales for an d price of £550 with £34 it. He paid the deposit and l one of UDT's standard pro- forms in blank, leaving it the dealers for completion; e form was for a loan agree- not hire purchase. The inserted were not those *with the appellant*; the as given as £730 and the as £185. UDT accepted rm, and the issue was r a contract was made be- UDT and the appellant. equent events were curious. only when the appellant d a copy of the form and ok some time later that he l that the form was not for rchase and that the figures rong. He left the car on ployers' premises, it was and became a write-off in ident. The appellant did about the mistakes and o instalments. UDT took ings on the agreement, eing no reason why they suppose that the proposal ntained anything but the terms.

e trial Mr Eady, relying *pbell Discount Co Ltd v* 961] 1 QB 431), contended ere was no consensus ad tween UDT and the appel- ce the document did not t the appellant's true *in-* and accordingly there was ntract and UDT could nothing.

ough the Court of Appeal *Gall's* case in favour of endant on the basis of no consensus, the situation in that case was very different. As soon as the defendant realized the proposal form was incorrect, he contacted the finance company and did not use the car. That decision had had a remarkable career. The second limb of the decision was that the defendant could not recover his deposit from the dealer. But in *Branchite v Worcester Works Finance Co Ltd* ([1969] 1 AC 552), *Gall's* case was held by the House of Lords to be wrongly decided in so far as it precluded recovery of the deposit.

In *Galbe v Lee* ([1971] AC 1004) the whole doctrine of *non est factum* was considered by the House of Lords and definitive principles laid down governing the situation where someone signed and agreed a document of different legal effect from what the signatory intended. Lord Wilberforce said (at p 1027): "... the correct rule . . . is that . . . a person who signs a document, and parts with it so that it may come into other hands, has a responsibility, that of the normal man of prudence, to take care what he signs, which, if neglected, prevents *him from denying his* liability under the document according to its tenor . . . ".

The most important holding in *Gall's* case was "that the hirer was not estopped from denying the truth of the written document, for he owed no duty of care to the finance company and the doctrine of estoppel by negligence applied only to negotiable instruments. Accordingly there was not and never had been any agreement between the hirer and the company on which they could sue him for instalments; but for the same reason, he could not recover from the company the deposit paid to the dealer, since it was not referable to any contract with the company."

It was plain that since Galbe v Lee that holding was not good law. All that remained of *Gall's* case had effectively disappeared.

The essence of Mr Eady's argument was that there was an important distinction between the careless signing of a completed document and the signing of a document in blank, and reliance was placed on *Mercantile Credit Co Ltd v Hamblin* ([1965] 2 QB 242), but his Lordship could not see that the distinction was right on the authorities or susceptible to common sense. *Hamblin's* case merely dealt with *non est factum* as it arose in that particular case. If a person gave his authority for the completion of the document he was liable: see per Lord Justice Salmon at p 280. The trial judge rightly concluded that *Gall's* case was no longer good law and reached the right decision for the right reasons. The appeal should be dismissed.

Lord Justice Scarman and Lord Justice Bridge delivered concurring judgments.

The Appeal was dismissed.

Solicitors: Robbins, Olivey & Lake for Harris & Cartwright, Slough; Mr M. J. Sechiari, Barnet.

Court of Appeal

Cannabis seized by customs stays imported

Regina v Green

Before Lord Justice Ormrod, Mr Justice Nield and Mr Justice Michael Davies

The Court of Appeal answered in the affirmative the question "Whether in the light of *Haughton v Smith* ([1974] 2 WLR 1) it was right to direct the jury that notwithstanding the fact that customs officers took possession of cannabis on August 20, 1973, its importation as a matter of law continued at least up until September 10, 1973."

The court were giving their reasons for dismissing in July an appeal by Harry Rodney Green against his conviction at Southampton Crown Court (Judge MacDonald and a jury), inter alia, of the fraudulent importation of cannabis contrary to section 304 of the Customs and Excise Act, 1952, as amended, and conspiring to evade that prohibition. He was sentenced to a total of four years' imprisonment.

Mr I. A. Kennedy, QC, and Mr J. J. Smyth for the appellant; Mr A. L. Mildon, QC, and Mr Anthony Davies for the prosecution.

LORD JUSTICE ORMROD, reading the judgment of the court, said that on August 6, 1973, a crate arrived at Southampton on board the Edinburgh Castle addressed to "T. W. Barnes, 12 Glentham Gardens, Hammersmith, London". It was placed in the shed for unaccompanied luggage awaiting collection.

On August 20 the customs authorities opened the crate. It was full of hessian sacks containing in all 153 kilogrammes of cannabis, which the customs officers removed, substituting for it a quantity of peat and paper. On September 6 the crate was collected by a firm of removers, taken to a warehouse, and collected by a haulage contractor, who delivered it to a garage in London. The appellant had assisted in the operation in various ways, including renting the garage in a false name on September 4 and paying six months' rent in advance. The customs officers traced the crate to the garage and interviewed the appellant on September 10.

The result of the appeal depended on how far *Haughton v Smith* was applicable to the specific charges involved in the appeal. The point decided in *Haughton v Smith* was a comparatively narrow one, namely, that a charge of attempting to handle stolen goods would not lie when, before the handling, the goods had ceased in law to have the character of stolen goods, ie, when it would have been impossible to commit the substantive offence as defined in the Theft Act, 1968, section 22(1). All the observations made in that case were confined to attempts.

The proposition underlying all the speeches was to be found in words in Baron Parke judgment in *R v Eagleton* ((1855) Dears CC 515, 538) cited by Lord Hailsham, that "The mere intention to commit a misdemeanor is not criminal. Some act is required . . ." In other words, intention alone was not enough to attract the sanctions of the criminal law; proof of a substantive offence required proof of the act or omission specified in the description of the offence; proof of an attempt required proof of some act sufficiently proximate to the commission of the substantive *offence, which itself* must be capable of proof, in the sense that its essential constituents were in existence. It was not the impossibility of achieving the intended objective which prevented an act from being charged as an attempt but the impossibility of proving the actus reus of the substantive offence. That, of course, depended in each case upon the constituents of the relevant offence.

In those circumstances the court rejected the appellant's submission that if the objective was shown to have become vain or impossible of attainment, the substratum of the substantive offence had been destroyed and none of the inchoate offences connected with it could be established.

Since none of the specific counts charged an attempt, the reasoning in *Haughton v Smith* was applicable, if at all, indirectly. So far as the count of fraudulent importation was concerned, the only question was whether, on the assumption that the appellant had nothing to do with it until after the cannabis had been seized by the customs, the prosecution could prove the constituents of the offence. The answer depended upon the terms of the section. The actus reus in the offence was being concerned in the evasion or attempted evasion of a prohibition on the importation of the goods in question, not the successful evasion. All the necessary ingredients were proved or admitted: cannabis was a prohibited drug, and it was imported in breach of the prohibition, so evasion was established. The court accepted the prosecution's argument that evasion was a continuing offence, that it did not cease when the cannabis was seized by the authorities. Once imported, the evasion of the prohibition continued until the goods ceased to be prohibited goods or, possibly, were re-exported. The renting of the garage, knowing that it was to be used to store the cannabis, completed the offence under section 304(b).

There was ample authority for the proposition that the actus reus of conspiracy was the agreement to effect an unlawful purpose, and that the offence was committed whether or not any act was done in pursuance of the agreement. It must follow that the fact that, unknown to the conspirator, the unlawful purpose could not be achieved was no defence.

In the present case only the lifting of the prohibition could prevent the conspirators' purpose from being unlawful. In any event it was difficult to see how the reasoning in *Haughton v Smith* could be applied to conspiracy. In most cases the conspiracy would have been entered into at a time when the goods were still in the possession of the true owner and would not yet have become stolen goods. It would be absurd to suggest that such a conspiracy was *not a criminal offence. The appel-*lant was rightly convicted on the conspiracy count, even if he only joined the conspiracy after the seizure of the cannabis.

The appeal would be dismissed.

Solicitors: Registrar of Criminal Appeals; Mr P. B. Kirwan.

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v Immigration Officer, e Akhtar

nigration officer has a n, under section 3(1)(a) mmigration Act, 1971, and atement of Immigration r Control on Entry: EEC ther Non-Commonwealth s (HC 81), to refuse entry ien wife intending to join rial husband, a United n citizen settled in this where she has not a visa and entry clear- rtificate nor applied to be d as a United Kingdom under the British Nation- t, 1948.

Divisional Court so held efusing an application by sim Akhtar, aged 29, for r of mandamus directing e Office to grant the appli- ve to enter the United to join her husband.

USTICE O'CONNOR (who ing with the Lord Chief and Mr Justice Lawson) t the applicant arrived at w Airport and produced a Pakistani passport and a marriage document showing that she was married to a patrial who was settled here. She was refused leave to enter by the immigration officer, who told her: "You have asked for leave to enter the United Kingdom for settlement but you have no claim to admission under the immigration rules." She had no visa or entry clearance, which were the pre-requisites for a right to enter) and the officer was entitled to exercise his discretion to allow or refuse entry.

An alien wife married to a patrial had a right to register as a citizen of the United Kingdom, but until she did so she had no right to enter and her admission, in the absence of an application to register, was subject to the discretion of the Home Office. The applicant had not asked to register. She was an alien, and her case was distinguishable from *R v Secretary of State for the Home Department, Ex parte Phansonkar* (*The Times*, July 7; [1975] 3 WLR 322), where the applicant was a Commonwealth citizen.

bias against workers' paper, advertisers say

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Scottish Daily News o attract more support dvertisers because of commercial ineptitude nagement", Mr Angus hairman of the Adver- Association, told the ommission on the Press ry.

ssor O. R. McGregor, n of the commission, ted Mr Ross about the on that advertisers had en as helpful as they ave been to the news- stablished by a workers' tive in Glasgow five months ago, because of its left-wing editorial policy.

Mr Ross had said earlier that advertisers would help to prime the pump of a new publication when advertising in it might not yet be justified on normal commercial criteria, Professor McGregor reminded him.

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Earlier, Mr Ross told the commission that the Advertising Association opposed an advertising apportionment board to redistribute advertising revenue from prosperous to less prosperous newspapers. It saw great danger in editors being influenced by what such a board might think of editorial content. It also felt that an editor of a newspaper in trouble might bend his views to those of any board.

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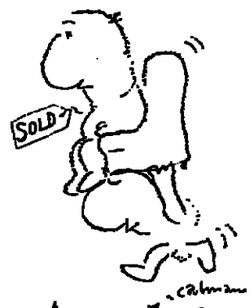
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SPORT

Racing

Little bit of luck helps Walwyn reach yet another landmark

By Michael Seely

Peter Walwyn passed another notable landmark at Nottingham yesterday afternoon when the successes of Nantucket and Rushmere took the Lambourn trainer to his 120th victory of the season. The level of prize money in England still lags far behind that of other countries, but it is a sign of the times that although it is only 18 years since Noel Murless became the first British trainer to top the £100,000 mark in winning stakes Walwyn's total this season is now £381,819.

Indeed, together with the £98,662 earned by Grundy, Consol and Corby in their trips to Ireland and France and including the place money earned by Patch in the French Derby and May Hill in the Prix Vermeille, Walwyn's owners are now over £½m the richer. It is the hallmark of Walwyn's superb professionalism that the same attention is paid to the placing of the lesser animals in the yard as to that of the horses of Classic potential.

Both winners were ridden by the champion jockey, Patrick Eddery, now with 161 successes to his credit. Nantucket, backed from 11-2 to 9-2 favourite, may have been a trifle fortunate to hold at bay the late challenge of Day Two in the Kegworth Handicap. Immediately after the start Prince Mandarin stumbled and unseated his jockey, Terry McKeown. In the closing stages of the race the riderless Prince Mandarin swerved right across the course hampering Fearless Boy, Day Two and Nantucket. Although Eddery asserted that he had suffered as much as Frank Durr on Day Two from the interference, the camera patrol film showed plainly that the second was desperately unlucky.

Day Two had been coming to win his race inside the last furlong when he was checked in his run and had to be switched to make a renewed effort. All this occurred in the space of 100 yards and Day Two was only beaten a head. Day Two who has been a useful sprinter in the last three seasons is now to join Fred Winter's team at Lambourn to be trained for hurdling. Nantucket, who belongs to Peter Goulandris, is to be offered for sale at Newmarket on Thursday.

Walwyn's second winner, Rushmere, who made every yard of the running in the second division of the Woodborough Maiden Plate, is owned by Lionel Tarrant. Rushmere was bred at Mr Tarrant's stud near Portsmouth. He bought Rushmere's dam the Elopement mare Omentello, from the National Stud in 1962. Omentello now has the remarkable record of having bred six individual winners from the same amount of foals.

STATE OF GOING (official): Nottingham: good to firm. Chepstow: firm. Teesside Park: good to firm. Plumpton: good. Tomorrow: Ascot: firm. Newcastle: firm. Ludlow: firm.

Beau Dutch to stay the hand of fate

By Jim Snow

Like Thomas Gray's ploughman flat racing is plodding its weary way to the close on November 12 at Haydock Park. No tears will be spilled at its departing, and the arrival of National Hunt racing on its own until the third week of March, 1976.

Once the important Doncaster meeting at the end of October is behind and The Observer Gold Cup has been run, many would like to see the curtains firmly drawn down. Apart from the £8,000 Vernons Sprint Cup, run over six furlongs at weight for age terms for two-year-olds and upwards, all the punch and kick of the flat has gone.

The good horses are now snugly tucked away for five months in their winter quarters, the yearlings all over the country are being broken and ridden out, and these last weeks of the flat are a dreary affair with programmes designed in the main to give maiden horses of all ages a last chance to break their duck. Favourites receive rough treatment, for the merit of the second and third rate horses is hard to determine. Such is not the problem with the top class horses.

At Doncaster last Friday and Saturday only one first market choice won out of 13 races, and this is the never failing pattern of results in the last two weeks of the flat. It is wise now to button up the overcoat until the third week in March when the flat season returns, and to forget about Peter Walwyn, Henry Cecil, Barry Hills and others in the top half of the first league of flat race trainers, and move into the world of such men as Fulke Walwyn, Ken Oliver, Neville Crump, and Gordon Richards, all of whom will be sending out the winners between November and early April.

Following this line of reasoning and looking forward to the last obsequies of the 1975 flat, I suggest that at Teesside Park, now happily back on a sound financial basis after a few years when its survival at Stockton was much in doubt, Edward Hide might be the jockey to follow.

If ever a senior jockey at the age of 41 fought back to recover lost ground, Hide provides the answer. When his leg was shattered in a fall at York in the second week of June as his horse fell, he was well up with Eddery, Carson and Piggott. His score then was 43. Now it stands at 70 after a three-month lay off.

A fair proportion of this excellent total has been on horses trained by Michael Stoute for whom this afternoon he will ride Beau Dutch in the one mile Highfield Plate. Last week Beau Dutch was running for only the third time when he won over a mile at Redcar. A 7lb penalty for that success should not prove too much for him.

Edward Hide had him under full pressure two furlongs out, but he answered willingly the forceful riding by coming home a neck winner from the well-backed Calor. Two-year-olds at this time of the season who show they can stay seven furlongs or a mile are usually good value to back in their next appearances.

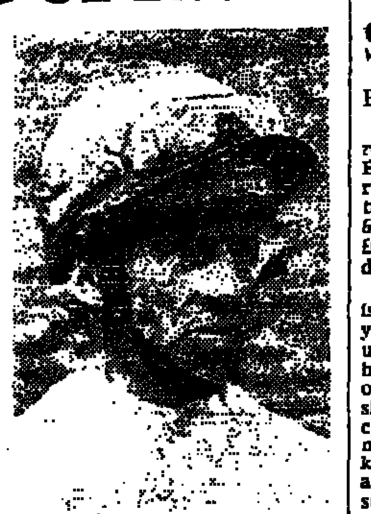
Beau Dutch could be the best selection in a frighteningly difficult Teesside programme, and others to appear there as possible winners or fair value each way are Rock Signal in the opening apprentice handicap, Knaresboro in the Ladbroke Middlesbrough Dragonara Handicap, and Long Love in the Park Stewards Handicap.

Rock Signal, now approaching his 10th birthday, is one of those tough, dependable horses who never run a poor race. Rock Signal has won 12 races since 1968 for Newcastle's chairman Lt-Colonel R. Taylor and Dick Peacock, and in 62 races in this long stretch he has been placed 20 times. A week ago he was beaten two necks under a big weight at Edinburgh.

Knaresboro has the excellent record of three victories in his last seven races and three-year-olds who improve in the autumn, as he has done, are more often than not able to carry their penalties to another victory.

Not a few winners from Peter Walwyn's massive score of 120 have been at Chepstow. One of the most remarkable features of this season has been that his horses struck form at the first meeting at Doncaster in March, and have maintained it for the next seven months. There were three winners at Newbury for the Lambourn stable last week, and Nantucket won yesterday at Nottingham.

Forrard Away, on her first appearance at Lingfield Park, finished so well when fifth to the odds-on favourite, Trigamy, that she should go close in Chepstow's opening Stud Stakes. Joking, owned by the Queen's racing manager, Lord Porchester, favourite when unplaced at Ascot in July, should be given another chance in the Aston Upthorpe Plate. Scobie Breasley's winning run over the last month should carry on with Nalanda, second twice and first once in her last three appearances in the Adstock Manor Stakes.



Hide: A good fight back.

Toronto, Oct 27.—Snow Knight, the 1974 English Derby winner, captured the $188,700 (about £90,000) Canadian International Championship Stakes at Woodbine racecourse here yesterday. The French horse, Comtesse de Loir, was second, with the Canadian owned Carney's Point third and another French filly, Dahlia, the 9-5 favourite, fourth.—Reuter.

Shukran spells horse sense for Easterby

By Michael Seely

One of the features of the current season in the north of England has been the lengthy run of success of the Malton trainer, Michael Easterby. With 63 winners of races worth £66,015, Easterby has nearly doubled his previous best total.

Although the pride of the stable is undoubtedly that crack three-year-old sprinter, Lochnager, the underlying strength of the yard has lain as usual in the two-year-old department. Possessing all the shrewdness and horse sense characteristic of many Yorkshiremen, Easterby has long been known as an outstanding judge of a yearling. For years now a steady stream of two-year-old winners has flowed from his yard.

This season Sweet Nightingale, who cost only 1,000 guineas as a yearling, has won four races including the coveted Seaton Delaval Stakes at Newcastle. Partridge Brook, another cheap purchase at 700 guineas, also has four successes to her credit. This afternoon at Nottingham Shukran, bought for 3,200 guineas after winning a selling race on the opening day of the season at Doncaster, can carry on the good work by winning the East Midland Nursery Handicap.

Shukran has proved a wise purchase, having taken two races for her new connexions, an auction event at Wolverhampton and a nursery at Newcastle. Shukran has been beaten in her last three outings, but has run well on each occasion, particularly at the York October meeting when she chased home Swift Heron in the final round of the Crown Plus Two Apprentice Championship.

There are possibilities about the Ravi Tikkoo owned and Ben Hanbury trained Hero Baby, who finished strongly when fourth in a similar race at Haydock Park. Michael Stoute runs Princely, who seems surprisingly high in the weights considering her moderate form to date. Scimone, bought by Frank Carr after winning a selling race for Henry Cecil at the Newmarket October meeting, could prove dangerous, but I shall rely on Shukran's consistency.

However they fare with Hero Baby, Mr Tikkoo and Hanbury can win the Willington Handicap with Bright Comet, who was staying on well when third to Eric Stuart at Warwick. In the Final Maiden Plate the same combination of owner and trainer run Return Ticket, a £25,000 purchase as a yearling. When you consider that VAT at 8 per cent on that price would nearly pay for a year's training fees, Mr Tikkoo's decision to move his horses to France becomes understandable.

Although Return Ticket ran well behind The Observer Gold Cup winner, Take Your Place, at Great Yarmouth, I prefer the chances of Jellaby and Blondin, noted in running when fifth behind Gwent at Newmarket on Champion Stakes day, is preferred. The Sprinters Consolation Maiden Plate may be won by the two-year-old Belle Vue.

Nottingham programme

1.30 SPRINTERS CONSOLATION PLATE (£345: 5f)

1 330-000 **Mandrew** (G. Thornton), J. Etherington, 3-9-3 L. G. Brown 4
2 402000 **Micied** (N. Moore), H. Price, 3-9-3 .... A. Murray 6
6 03300 **Pikella** (Mrs V. Mitchell), V. Mitchell, 3-9-0 J. Woodward 7 8
7 230-42 **Radstone** (G. Greenwood), A. Stevens, 3-9-0 .. S. Perks 3
9 00000 **St Fairy** (Mrs M. Breasley), A. Breasley, 3-9-0 Ron Hutchinson 7
10 00-0000 **Turk** (Mrs H. Edwards), W. Wightman, 3-9-0 .. G. Starkey 5
11 -900 **Publicans Folly** (B. Mather), H. Vibert, 2-8-7 .. E. Eldin 2
12 402040 **Belle Vue** (R. Mason), Mason, 2-8-4 .... F. Durr 1

2-1 Radstone, 9-4 Micied, 5-1 Belle Vue, 7-1 Mandrew, 8-1 Pikella, 12-1 Publicans Folly, 14-1 others.

2.0 BITTER END STAKES (£428: 1¼m)

1 000000 **Landpot (CD)** (Exors of late S. Hinder), L. Holt, 4-9-0 P. Perkins 1
3 00300-0 **Major Dilke (C)** (H. James), A. Jarvis, 4-8-11 .. G. Sexton 7
5 420310 **Spirit of Ecstasy** (A. Cox), B. Richmond, 4-8-11 S. Perks 4
6 000002 **Summer Serenade** (G. Tufts), R. Carter, 4-8-11 .. M. Kettle 2
7 f00001 **Westward Leading (CD)** (G. Mason), A. Bacon, 4-8-11 F. Durr 8
9 000040 **Abbott's Fleece** (E. Collingwood), Collingwood, 4-8-9 G. Starkey 3
13 301032 **Willyboy** (W. Clayton), J. Etherington, 3-8-4 .. L. G. Brown 10
14 0-000 **Grey Presto** (R. Henley), P. Makin, 3-8-2 ...... E. Eldin 5
17 030023 **Grand Rose** (E. Jacob), V. Cross, 3-7-13 .. M. L. Thomas 4
18 0f0 **Regal Prince** (Mr M. Duncan), D. Doyle, 3-7-13 J. Egan 6

3-2 Willyboy, 3-1 Westward Leading, 4-1 Grand Rose, 5-1 Spirit of Ecstasy, 10-1 Landpot, 12-1 Major Dilke, Summer Serenade, 14-1 others.

2.30 WILLINGTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £644: 2m)

4 -00102 **Melody Ryde** (Mrs S. Young), T. Gosling, 8-12 Ron Hutchinson 5
5 031224 **Refill** (Captain M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-12 .... E. Eldin 1
6 032103 **Lutine Belle** (R. Francis), C. Harwood, 8-12 .. G. Starkey 9
7 0-21000 **Tinivaro (D)** (E. Hill), M. Prescott, 8-10 .. G. Duffield 6
8 -21220 **Blue Chrome** (C. Platts), Miss S. Hall, 8-9 B. Raymond 4
9 322123 **Bright Comet** (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 8-6 ...... F. Durr 8
11 c00400 **Field Moss** (Mrs P. Feilden), G. Smyth, 8-0 .... B. Jago 7
13 000033 **Mourndyke** (J. Redfern), L. Holt, 7-12 .... I. Jenkinson 5 3
14 01-0310 **Florica** (Mrs T. Langton), H. Rohan, 7-8 .... L. G. Parkes 2

9-4 Bright Comet, 4-1 Refill, 9-2 Melody Ryde, 5-1 Lutine Belle, 8-1 Mourndyke, 14-1 Tinivaro, Blue Chrome, 16-1 others.

3.0 FINAL MAIDEN PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 6f)

1 000040 **Balustrade** (Mrs P. Du Savary), H. Williams, 9-0 G. Starkey 8
4 **Fort Valentine** (Mrs V. Mitchell), V. Mitchell, 9-0 J. Woodward 7 12
7 0300 **Glorified** (Mrs G. Fane), J. Bothell, 9-0 .... B. Raymond 11
9 0 **Jano the Greek** (R. Onslow), D. Marks, 9-0 I. Jenkinson 5 14
10 2 **Jellaby** (Essa Alkhalifa), H. Price, 9-0 .... A. Murray 20
12 f0 **Kyros** (Miss S. Parry), M. Smyly, 9-0 .... B. Jago 3
15 0040 **Mount Vernon** (D. Rowland), H. Price, 9-0 .... M. Gorman 16
20 c40 **Return Ticket** (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 9-0 .... F. Durr 10
22 00 **Royal Bramble** (E. Peters), D. Plant, 9-0 .... — 21
23 **Shepherd's Bar** (Mrs T. Gosling), T. Gosling, 9-0 M. Kettle 13
24 00 **Snake Bite** (R. Reeves), H. Westbrook, 9-0 .... — 1
27 00 **Zebak** (J. Martin), H. Wragg, 9-0 .... M. L. Thomas 15
28 **Believed** (T. Kanesashi), B. Hanbury, 8-11 .. G. Sexton 17
29 0 **Blondin** (Lady S. FitzAlan-Howard), J. Dunlop, 8-11 Ron Hutchinson 18
32 0 **Eventura** (Dr J. Hernandez), G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 D. Maitland 19
33 **Farfisa** (Mrs C. Brudenell-Bruce), M. Stoute, 8-11 A. Kimberley 6
34 f30 **The Four Hundred** (Mrs E. Williams), H. Williams, 8-11 — 4
35 0300 **Friendly Sound** (Mrs J. Van Geest), G. P.-Gordon, 8-11 D. Maitland 2
38 f-00234 **Path of Gold** (R. Lorenz), M. Smyly, 8-11 .... R. Jago 7
39 000 **Prince Henham** (R. Ellice), N. Callaghan, 8-11 G. Duffield 9
40 0 **Swallow Girl** (I. Allen), P. Robinson, 8-11 .. P. Young 5 5
50 0000 **Zander** (I. Kornberg), B. van Cutsem, 8-11 .... E. Eldin 22

5-1 Jellaby, 9-2 Blondin, 6-1 Path of Gold, 13-2 Friendly Sound, 8-1 The Four Hundred, 10-1 Glorified, 12-1 Farfisa, 14-1 Mount Vernon, Return Ticket, 16-1 others.

3.30 EAST MIDLAND HANDICAP (2-y-o: £483: 1m 50yd)

1 00104 **Hero Baby (CD)** (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 9-0 .. F. Durr 3
2 040 **Princely** (R. Clifford-Turner), M. Stoute, 8-10 G. Starkey 8
3 -11340 **Mirrika** (Mrs M. Lemos), C. Brittain, 8-9 .... B. Jago 7
4 04020 **Snapper** (Mrs H. Adams), A. Breasley, 8-8 R. Hutchinson 5
5 01 **Scimone** (H. Hambley), F. Carr, 8-7 .... L. C. Parkes 13
6 232020 **Grove's Boy** (Mrs A. Grady), C. Brittain, 8-6 .. E. Eldin 4
7 141242 **Shukran** (Mrs H. Wild), M. W. Easterby, 8-6 B. Raymond 1
8 033044 **Cheony Boy** (R. Hague), Miss S. Hall, 8-5 9
13 00001 **Spoofer** (G. Blum), Blum, 7-12 .... M. L. Thomas 11
14 300000 **Night Glow** (D. Kerr), S. Nesbitt, 7-10 .. W. Higgins 7 10
16 f040 **Wesleyan** (G. Turnbull), W. Elsey, 7-10 .... S. Salmon 5 6
16 000100 **Hargrave Rogue** (K. Read), D. Thom, 7-8 ...... R. Still 12
17 f1000 **Garuda** (G. Lugg), T. Forster, 7-8 .... J. Reid 5 2

7-2 Scimone, 4-1 Shukran, 5-1 Hero Baby, 6-1 Spoofer, 7-1 Mimika, 10-1 Snapper, 12-1 Princely, Grove's Boy, 14-1 others.

4.0 REPTON STAKES (£378: 1¼m)

2 0 **Comic** (J. Honeywood), B. Lunness, 5-8-11 .... M. Banner 5 7
3 04000- **Dreamers Bonus** (Mrs D. Hensiock), E. Magner, 4-8-11 E. Bruce 5 3
5 000002 **Early Morning** (A. Sims), F. Wiles, 5-8-8 .... W. Higgins 1
6 0000 **Land An Ear** (J. Walker), Walker, 11-8-8 4
11-8 Powderhall, 5-3 Great Firefly, 7-2 Varsity Match, 10-1 Cheraber, 16-1 R. Cochrane 8
11 0-04034 **Cheraber** (J. Rowley), A. Jarvis, 4-8-0 5
12 004200 **Great Firefly** (J. Philipps), B. Hobbs, 3-8-0 R. Cronin 5 6
15 003-300 **Varsity Match** (B. van Cutsem), van Cutsem, 6-8-0 R. North 5 2

11-8 Powderhall, 5-2 Great Firefly, 7-2 Varsity Match, 10-1 Cheraber, 16-1 Early Morning, 20-1 others.

Nottingham selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.30 Belle Vue. 2.0 Grand Rose. 2.30 Bright Comet. 3.0 Blondin. 3.30 SHUKRAN is specially recommended. 4.0 Powderball.

Plumpton programme

12.30 AUTUMN HURDLE (Div I: novices: £340: 3m)

1 010402 **Fredrick John**, Mrs E. Kennard, 5-11-10 .... P. Richards 7
3 32200-0 **Afternoon Sun**, D. Ringer, 6-11-5 .... G. Holmes
8 000f00- **Dave's Choice**, J. Old, 6-11-5 .... G. Candy
11 p00pbp- **Gervic**, R. Armytage, 6-11-5 .... J. Glover
12 -23 **Gypsy Baron**, Mrs A. Oughton, 5-11-5 .... Mr R. Fowlston 7
13 0-0 **I Promise You**, J. Gifford, 5-11-5 .... R. Champion
14 u- **Marshan Crom**, C. Bean, 6-11-5 .... J. McNaught
18 00- **Moorland Mouse**, D. Gandolfo, 5-11-5 .... W. Shoemark
21 300-f34 **Set Hill**, A. Neaves, 5-11-5 .... S. Eccles 7
22 0000-00 **Spartan Lass**, A. Davison, 5-11-5 .... G. Old
23 30-0f-0 **Walderswick**, D. Nicholson, 5-11-5 .... R. Dickin 5

7-4 Fredrick John, 7-2 Gypsy Baron, 11-2 Afternoon Sun, 8-1 I Promise You, Set Hill, 10-1 Moorland Mouse, 12-1 Walderswick, 14-1 others.

1.0 WESTMESTON HURDLE (£342: 2m)

1 01020-0 **Auriga**, J. Brown, 8-11-11 .... G. Brown 7
2 034 **Blacksboat**, B. Lunness, 6-11-11 .... G. Young 7
3 3012-02 **Blameless Stall (D)**, G. Williams, 10-11-11 Mr A. Williams 7
5 300-010 **Crazy Guy**, G. P-Hoblyn, 10-11-11 .... R. Bailey
6 00-0 **Gallant Boy**, R. Hicks, 6-11-11 ....
7 00-0 **The Hickey Column**, M. McCourt, 5-11-11 .... K. White
8 00u-01 **Historic Myth** (D), K. Ivory, 6-11-11 .... G. Thorner
9 00200-0 **King Cloud**, R. Leach, 8-11-11 .... R. Hughes
10 11230-0 **Lok Yee (D)**, R. Carter, 5-11-11 .... D. Briscoe
13 0006-04 **Polash**, A. Davison, 9-11-11 .... B. Jefferies 5
14 03-230 **My Drake**, A. Neaves, 5-11-11 .... C. Goldsworthy
15 0- **Maudas**, S. Sample, 5-11-11 .... T. Bridge 5
16 04-0 **Smart Shoes**, E. Beeson, 6-11-11 .... J. Jenkins
17 -u3 **Capuccio**, J. Gifford, 4-11-6 .... R. Champion
18 1410-00 **Fell Swoop (CD)**, C. Benstead, 4-11-6 .... R. Atkins
19 43200-0 **Gala Sunrise**, P. Allingham, 4-11-6 .... J. Gobbie 7
20 0010- **Magic Charm**, T. Gates, 4-11-6 .... P. Kelleway

3-1 Capuccio, 4-1 Crazy Guy, 5-1 Historic Myth, 7-1 Fell Swoop, 9-1 Lok Yee, Polash, 10-1 Blameless Stall, 12-1 The Hickey Column, 14-1 others.

1.30 CUCKFIELD STEEPLECHASE (Novices: £412: 3m)

1 03-0121 **Blenfait**, Mrs E. Gace, 6-12-2 .... P. Barton 5
2 0-pu **Annes Lord**, Mrs A. Oughton, 6-11-9 .... N. Holman 7
3 0000-22 **Articality**, M. Oliver, 6-11-9 .... P. Blacker
5 p3p142 **Lady Verdict**, Mrs E. Kennard, 6-11-9 .... P. Richards 7
6 004-31p **Level Start**, D. Nicholson, 6-11-9 .... J. Suthern
7 0fp004- **Micastoo**, A. Moore, 6-11-9 .... C. Read
8 0000-0 **Penfort**, H. O'Neill, 10-11-9 .... J. McNaught
10 00443-f **Royal Exchange**, J. Gifford, 7-11-9 .... R. Champion
11 00 **Squaw**, N. Mitchell, 6-11-9 .... Mr N. Mitchell 7
12 3033-00 **The Dene**, H. O'Neill, 5-11-6 .... R. Weaver
14 p40p- **Port'n Lemon**, B. Thompson, 5-11-6 .... B. R. Davies
15 0 **Romany Bay**, P. Cundell, 5-11-6 .... J. Francome

6-4 Blenfait, 4-1 Royal Exchange, 6-1 Level Start, 10-1 Articality, 14-1 Lady Verdict, 16-1 others.

2.0 AQUASCUTUM HURDLE (Handicap: £990: 2m)

1 42411-0 **Mandy Boy (D)**, J. Gifford, 5-12-5 .... G. Earnight 5
2 134130- **Julian Swift (D)**, D. Morley, 5-11-13 .... B. R. Davies
3 241342- **Valuable Coin**, J. Old, 5-11-10 .... Mr E. Whettan 5
4 0131-20 **King Gipsy**, G. P-Hoblyn, 5-11-9 .... J. King
5 213403- **El Cardo (D)**, Mrs E. Kennard, 5-11-7 .... P. Richards 7
8 4242-0 **Wild Pirate**, E. Beeson, 8-11-4 .... J. Jenkins
10 10030-0 **Go Perrys**, P. Cundell, 4-11-0 .... Mr A. Latham 5
11 1 **Bonk (D)**, M. Bolton, 4-10-13 .... W. Smith
12 00-30 **Tonic**, F. Winter, 4-10-11 .... J. Francome
14 0100p- **Brawby Lad (D)**, D. Weeden, 4-10-10 .... C. Peck 7
15 ou- **Heiro**, R. Armytage, 5-10-10 .... H. J. Evans 5
16 03p- **Greek Salute**, G. Harwood, 6-10-9 .... C. Read
17 44u-20 **I Cry**, R. Blakeney, 6-10-8 .... J. McNaught
19 40-32f0 **Cerolane**, Mrs A. Oughton, 6-10-5 .... J. Sturgess 7
20 p00040- **Bent Pelham**, S. Mellor, 5-10-4 .... J. Glover
21 4p0000- **Chatterbox**, M. Cogwell, 4-10-3 .... M. Banham 7
22 04344- **Warr Bridge**, R. Dawe, 8-10-3 .... M. Wagner
27 000c2-0 **Rudolph's Verdict**, R. Blakeney, 4-10-0 .... P. Buckle 7

5-1 Mandy Boy, 13-2 Julian Swift, 7-1 King Gipsy, 8-1 Valuable Coin, Tonic, Bonk, 10-1 Cerolane, 12-1 El Cardo, Go Perrys, 14-1 Greek Salute, Wild Pirate, 16-1 others.

2.30 OFFHAM STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £410: 2m)

1 f-102ff **Mexican Frolic (C)**, S. Mellor, 7-11-7 .... Mr C. Saunders
2 0p00-32 **Red Rohan (D)**, F. Winter, 9-10-11 .... Mr S. Stanhope
3 0 **Alacryson**, M. Oliver, 10-10-9 .... Mr R. Lalor 7
5 3pp000- **Shawnigan (CD)**, F. Muggeridge, 11-10-5 .... Mr D. Evatt 5
6 131f04- **Good Relations (CD)**, Mrs A. Oughton, 6-10-5 .. Mr G. Jones 5
7 f3u33 **Johns Knapp**, M. Tate, 7-10-0 .... Mr J. Docker 5
8 40f- **Teddy Tudor (CD)**, J. Bloom, 11-10-0 .... Mr A. Wilson
9 244-334 **Le Diable**, G. Thomas, 7-10-0 .... Mr N. Henderson
11 p- **Langton Ruler**, J. Shearing, 6-10-0 .... Mr T. Shearing 7

9-4 Red Rohan, 11-4 Mexican Frolic, 5-1 Johns Knapp, 13-2 Good Relations, 8-1 Shawnigan, 10-1 Le Diable, 14-1 Teddy Tudor, 33-1 others.

3.0 NEWHAVEN STEEPLECHASE (Handicap: £690: 2m 750yd)

2 0114f3- **Parkgate Inn (C)**, S. Mellor, 7-10-13 .... J. Glover
4 f100-f2 **Gay Kybo (CD)**, J. Gifford, 7-10-9 .... R. Champion
5 p312- **Winter Fair**, B. Thompson, 8-10-8 .... B. R. Davies
7 00440-0 **Dragon Hill (CD)**, R. Armytage, 9-10-4 .... Mr S. Parkyn 3
8 3-44100 **Cingalese**, G. Bach, 6-10-3 .... G. McNally
10 00-122p **Crumlin**, G. Balding, 8-10-1 .... R. Linley
11 1f40-03 **Frozen Saint**, Mrs A. Oughton, 7-10-0 .... G. Thorner
12 400-324 **Utah (C)**, A. Moore, 11-10-0 .... C. Read

5-2 Gay Kybo, 7-2 Crumlin, 9-2 Utah, 7-1 Frozen Saint, 9-1 Winter Fair, 11-1 Parkgate Inn, Cingalese, 14-1 Dragon Hill.

3.30 AUTUMN HURDLE (Div II: Novices: £340: 3m)

2 0023-01 **Venetian Lord**, G. Harwood, 6-11-10 .... C. Read
5 00 **Bills Brother**, P. Allingham, 6-11-5 .... A. Mawson
11 000- **Glanville Prince**, N. Mitchell, 5-11-5 .... Mr N. Mitchell 7
11 000- **Legal Argument**, R. Armytage, 6-11-5 .... Mr S. Parkyn 7
15 00-4 **Long Bowman**, D. Weeden, 5-11-5 .... C. Peck 7
17 022-c43 **McCall**, R. Carter, 6-11-5 .... D. Briscoe
19 p **Natalaris**, R. Finch, 5-11-5 .... J. Scallan 5
21 00000- **Shivers Regal**, E. Goddard, 5-11-5 .... R. Atkins
23 pp00- **Straight Fair**, H. Willis, 6-11-5 .... H. J. Evans 5
24 **Villa Iglea**, J. Gifford, 5-11-5 .... M. Stanley 5
26 000-00 **Zanya**, C. Moore, 5-11-5 .... Mr G. Moore

Evens Venetian Lord, 9-2 McCall, 11-2 Long Bowman, 7-1 Villa Iglea, 10-1 Straight Fair, 12-1 Legal Argument, 14-1 others.

Plumpton selections

By Our Racing Staff

12.30 Gypsy Baron. 1.0 Lok Yee. 1.30 Bienfait. 2.0 El Cardo. 2.30 Red Rohan. 3.0 Gay Kybo. 3.30 Venetian Lord.

Teesside Park selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.15 Rock Signal. 1.45 Serin. 2.15 Knaresboro. 2.45 BEAU DUTCH is specially recommended. 3.15 Long Love. 3.45 River Mist.

Teesside Park programme

1.15 FIVE LAMPS HANDICAP (£424: 7f)

1 201201 **Stark Ribot (D)** (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 3-10-4 J. Power 7
2 012424 **Marcus Game (D)** (W. Sowerby), W. A. Stephenson, 5-9-0 T. Davies 14
5 304413 **Rock Signal** (Lt-Col R. Taylor), R. D. Peacock, 9-8-13 K. Wilkinson 7 4
6 033120 **Grand Hope** (B. Hawkswell), M. H. Easterby, 3-8-5 T. Walsh 3 15
7 200100 **Farm Gazer (D)** (C. Berry), R. Bastiman, 4-8-4 E. Freeman 6
8 431021 **Forgets Image** (J. Pickavance), S. Nesbitt, 5-8-4 A. Crook 3 12
11 0-10000 **My Story** (R. Cartwright), E. Carr, 4-8-0 .. J. Moore 3 13
13 00-00 **Aumiral Wolf** (R. Roberts), M. W. Easterby, 3-7-12 J. Buchanan 3 8
14 230240 **Queensway (C)** (J. Finlayson), H. Blackshaw, 4-7-11 B. Hood 3 11
15 220200 **Kithairon (CD)** (T. Umpleby), K. Payne, 4-7-10 S. Eccles 3
17 444020 **Atrek** (E. Collingwood), Collingwood, 8-7-8 S. Woolley 5 1
19 310403 **Only Child** (Mrs R. Carson), Denys Smith, 3-7-7 N. Brannick 7 9
22 0-00000 **Weeny Bopper (D)** (Miss M. Argyle), V. Mitchell, 4-7-7 W. Wigham 3 10
26 042400 **Double Saut (D)** (Miss M. Skipper), D. Williams, 7-7-7 P. Sapcote 3 2
27 000244 **Tobago Cays** (W. A. Stephenson), Stephenson, 4-7-7 R. Barker 7 5

7-2 Stark Ribot, 9-2 Grand Hope, 5-1 Forgets Image, 13-2 Rock Signal, 8-1 Tobago Cays, 10-1 Marcus Game, 12-1 Only Child, 14-1 Farm Gazer, Kithairon, 16-1 others.

1.45 WILDERNESS PLATE (2-y-o: £311: 5f)

2 330000 **Catch Me Up** (R. Nisbet), E. Carr, 8-11 .... C. Eccleston 3
5 00000 **Lanark Birk** (Lanark Birk Social Club), L. Docker, 8-11 J. Skilling 13
6 203030 **More** (G. Bower), J. Etherington, 8-11 .... M. Birch 4
7 030000 **Restless George** (Mrs R. Hodges), D. Holmes, 8-11 J. Seagrave 12
8 00 **Scot Nat** (Mrs M. Carnihan), N. Angus, 8-11 .... E. Hide 6
10 000000 **Tyrus** (T. Umpleby), P. Metcalfe, 8-11 .... — 14
11 030000 **Capacity** (D. Morton), G. Blum, 8-8 .... — 8
13 300204 **Cheb's Honour** (J. Orbell), W. Holden, 8-8 .. P. Gunn 7 11
14 00300 **Crocodile Tears** (F. Clark), P. Metcalfe, 8-8 .. T. Lappin 18
16 00434 **Hallah** (T. Grandin), A. Jarvis, 8-8 .... E. Apter 16
17 000 **Home Message** (F. Walker), J. Vickers, 8-8 .. P. Madden 17
18 00 **Lady Horatia** (W. Dodds), Hbt. Jones, 8-8 .... E. Johnson 10
19 00000 **Lucidora** (B. Morton), R. Bastiman, 8-8 ...... A. Cousins 19
21 00 **Mitzi May** (A. Soulsby), E. Weymes, 8-8 ...... G. Oldroyd 2
22 000000 **Majet** (E. Collingwood), Collingwood, 8-8 .... D. Shaw 7 15
23 00 **Pata Lane** (L. Ames), B. Lunness, 8-8 .... C. Moss 7
24 000000 **Roadshow** (Mrs G. Swinbank), W. A. Stephenson, 8-8 G. Welsh 9
25 000001 **Serin** (J. Richmond-Watson), G. Smyth, 8-8 ...... J. Lynch 1
27 0000 **Villafiora** (Mrs E. Manners), I. Jordon, 8-8 ...... O. Gray 20
28 00000 **Virginia Girl** (W. Ingram), M. H. Easterby, 8-8 T. O'Ryan 6 6

5-2 More, 3-1 Serin, 4-1 Hallah, 5-1 Restless George, 8-1 Virginia Girl, 10-1 Catch Me Up, 16-1 Lady Horatia, 20-1 Roadshow, 25-1 others.

2.15 MIDDLESBROUGH DRAGONARA HANDICAP (£866: 1m)

3 004404 **Layawake** (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 3-9-3 .... J. Lynch 4
5 220023 **Confluence (D)** (W. Carrick), W. Haigh, 4-8-13 .... O. Gray 5
8 1-02000 **Two and a Quarter (D)** (J. Waroing), G. Richards, 4-8-12 E. Hide 1
9 410010 **Lush Gold (D)** (N. Westbrook), M. H. Easterby, 3-8-11 T. O'Ryan 5 2
11 200000- **Brigant** (T. Fairhurst), Fairhurst, 5-8-8 .... C. Eccleston 7
13 021211 **Knaresboro (D)** (J. Hanson), Hanson, 3-8-6 .. E. Johnson 6
15 400300 **Gay Bird** (H. Roe), J. Hardy, 3-8-5 .... C. Moss 3

9-4 Knaresboro, 7-2 Layawake, 9-2 Gay Bird, 6-1 Confluence, 8-1 Lush Gold, 10-1 Two and a Quarter, 12-1 Brigant.

2.45 HIGHFIELD PLATE (2-y-o: £311: 1m)

1 u21 **Beau Dutch (D)** (Mrs S Fisher), M. Stoute, 9-4 E. Hide 8
2 000021 **What a Find** (J. Handy), Handy, 9-4 .... C. Moss 4
6 0 **Bybicello** (I. Jordon), Jordon, 8-11 .... J. Seagrave 3
7 c03 **Emperor of Ghana** (R. Young), C. Brittain, 8-11 A. Barclay 2
9 **Gone On** (W. Barker), Miss S. Hall, 8-11 .... M. Birch 7
15 4040 **Palmallet Ireland** (Mrs R. Hodges), D. Holmes, 8-11 T. O'Ryan 5 5
29 **Rigton Empress** (D. Macdonald), J. Turner, 8-8 .. K. Leason 2
30 000 **Sari Princess** (D. Kelly), W. Gray, 8-8 .... E. Apter 1

2-1 Beau Dutch, 3-1 What a Find, 5-1 Emperor of Ghana, 7-1 Palmallet Ireland, 9-1 Gone On, 10-1 Bybicello, 12-1 Rigton Empress, 16-1 Sari Princess.

3.15 PARK STEWARDS HANDICAP (3-y-o: £425: 1¼m)

6 140132 **Long Love (D)** (Dr C. Labrecciosa), B. Hanbury, 8-11 E. Johnson 4
7 40-0001 **Ingham (D)** (S. Nesbitt), Nesbitt, 8-7 .... A. Crook 7 5
9 440300 **Another Pinta (D)** (Mrs M. Ridge), R. Bastiman, 8-5 D. Nicholls 5 15
10 430400 **Ardgowan Brownie** (H. Stewart), N. Angus, 8-4 .. E. Hide 11
11 021320 **Kirkby (D)** (C. Moores), R. D. Peacock, 8-3 .... O. Gray 8
12 031110 **Bovick (D)** (D. Macpherson), T. Craig, 8-3 .. K. Leason 2
13 432300 **Croisette** (G. Reed), S. Hall, 8-2 .... J. Bleasdale 7 6
14 443042 **Sounds Good** (Miss K. Allan), Denys Smith, 8-1 A. Barclay 10
16 230103 **Five Card Stud** (J. Fisher), P. Robinson, 7-12 .... J. Lynch 7
17 030010 **The Ings** (M. Marshall), J. Calvert, 7-11 .... J. Lowe 13
18 000400 **Cool Hand Luke** (Mrs J. Hutchinson), W. Murray, 7-9 S. Webster 5 14
20 102020 **Deighton Prince (C)** (G. Berry), R. Bastiman, 7-8 C. Rodrigues 5 16
21 340000 **Alcayde** (C. Hague), B. Richmond, 7-7 .... L. Charnock 5 12
22 000-000 **Yom Kippur** (J. Turner), Turner, 7-7 .... — 17
23 00-0031 **Surprise Event (D)** (R. Frost), W. Holden, 7-7 C. Eccleston 9
25 4-00000 **Aaurona** (J. Taylor), L. Shedden, 7-7 ...... R. Steed 7 1
26 310010 **Slingwrap (D)** (Mrs J. Gold), K. Payne, 7-7 .... S. Eccles 3

5-2 Five Card Stud, 3-1 Cool Hand Luke, 4-1 Long Love, 5-1 Kirkby, 8-1 Croisette, 10-1 Ardgowan Brownie, 12-1 Sounds Good, 14-1 Slingwrap, 16-1 Surprise Event, 20-1 others.

3.45 PRESTON PARK PLATE (£311: 1¼m 115yd)

2 0-0 **I Like It** (B. Richmond), Richmond, 10-8-11 T. Wilcox 7
3 0 **Kentish Pride** (R. Muddle), B. Hanbury, 7-8-11 R. Muddle 7 12
4 **Mon Bleo** (Mrs M. Boothman), C. Boothman, 9-8-11 C. Harman 7 10
7 004- **Tinkers Plea** (E. Collingwood), Collingwood, 4-8-11 A. Flint 5
8 33400 **Burbling Brook** (G. Crene), C. Brittain, 3-8-5 A. Barclay
10 000 **Mister Rushton** (Mrs D. Wells-Kendrew), P. Robinson, 3-8-5 J. Lynch 9
11 **Pagliacci** (L. Jayes), J. Fitzgerald, 3-8-5 ...... G. Oldroyd 7
16 0-04000 **Blak-en-Bleo** (G. Turnbull), W. Gray, 3-8-2 .. E. Apter 4
17 002022 **Genevese** (F. Jackson), F. Carr, 3-8-2 .... C. Dwyer 8
19 032404 **Martinique** (C. Platts), Miss S. Hall, 3-8-2 ...... M. Birch 6
22 340430 **Piccadilly Rose** (Mrs M. Smith), L. Shedden, 3-8-2 E. Hide 3
23 40-0234 **River Mist** (Mrs M. Carrick), W. Haigh, 3-8-2 .. O. Gray 1

3-2 Genevese, 100-30 Piccadilly Rose, 9-2 River Mist, 11-2 Burbling Brook, 8-1 Martinique, 10-1 Blak-en-Bleo, 12-1 Mister Rushton, 14-1 Pagliacci, 20-1 others.

Chepstow programme

1.45 STUD STAKES (2-y-o fillies: £547: 6f)

1 c0000 **Argo** (V. Clapp), J. Cann, 8-8 .... D. McKay 1
3 2023 **Bluehill** (V. Boucher), W. Marshall, 8-8 ...... R. Marshall 7
4 0 **Brighton Jet** (Mrs P. Sherwin), R. Hollinshead, 8-8 K. Lewis 5 16
5 0 **Calm Ship** (E. Conning), W. Marshall, 8-8 G. Ramshaw 15
7 **Chiltern Red** (P. Harris), P. Cundell, 8-8 .... P. Cook 12
9 020022 **Dams Clara** (A. Warren), P. Cole, 8-8 .... J. Mercer 8
11 0 **Forrard Away** (Mrs D. McCalmont), P. Walwyn, 8-8 P. Eddery 5
19 000 **Mismilieri** (A. Gregory), F. Muggeridge, 8-8 .. T. Rogers 3
20 00 **Miss Adro** (D. Green), R. Hollinshead, 8-8 .... T. Ives 2
24 00 **Native** (Mrs E. Richards), D. Hanley, 8-8 .... R. Curant 10
25 00 **New Ribbons** (J. Rowles), R. Houghton, 8-8 .... F. Morby 17
26 000400 **Pasquabond** (Mrs J. Stevenson), F. Muggeridge, 8-8 P. Perkins 9
27 004000 **Portella** (Miss M. Freeman), F. Freeman, 8-8 R. Wernham 5 6
30 c33 **Sealette** (Mrs S. Burles), J. Winter, 8-8 .... B. Taylor 4
33 0 **Temnest Girl** (D. Tomlins), H. Nicholson, 8-8 I. Johnson 3 11
34 0 **Touch of Spring** (H. Blagrave), P. Makin, 8-8 G. Baxter 13
36 2000 **Viking Lady** (M. Gregory), R. Akehurst, 8-8 J. Matthias 3 11

5-2 Dame Clara, 11-4 Bluehill, 7-2 Sealette, 5-1 Forrard Away, 8-1 Portella, 10-1 New Ribbons, 16-1 others.

2.15 ASTON UPTHORPE PLATE (3-y-o: £311: 1¼m)

2 0-00020 **Broke** (Mrs F. Nagle), Mrs F. Nagle, 9-0 .... A. Bond 4
4 00000 **Mon Cheval** (B. Raymond), R. Akehurst, 9-0 .... B. Rouse 2
5 -30420 **Orcis** (G. Hague), J. Vigors, 9-0 .... P. Cook 1
6 22322 **Quartic Melody** (H. Vickery), T. Gosling, 9-0 .. G. Ramshaw 4
9 000000 **Divided** (Mrs D. Smith), J. Winter, 8-11 .... B. Taylor 3
10 003400 **Gay Whistle** (C. Parker), R. Hollinshead, 8-11 ...... T. Ives 5
11 000-000 **Goose** (Major G. Smith), I. Dudgeon, 8-11 .... K. Whyte 7 8
12 0 **Gypsy Bronze** (B. Stephens), ... 8-11 .. P. Waldron 10
13 00404 **Hamstone** (G. Perry), L. Cottrell, 8-11 .... T. Rogers 13
14 0040 **Joking** (Lord Porchester), W. Hern, 8-11 14
15 4-421 **Lady Carinya** (D. Vaughan), V. Cross, 8-11 .. R. Fox 3 12
17 0 **Lady of Dariea** (B. Gubby), J. Pullen, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 4
18 000000 **Lentonside** (Lavinia Duchess of Norfolk), J. Dunlop, 8-11 D. Gillespie 3 11
19 0000 **Pueblo** (Colonel P. Wright), J. Bethell, 8-11 .. I. Johnson 3 1
23 022432 **Ribomine** (Mrs C. Reavey), E. Reavey, 8-11 T. McKeown 11
33 00 **Yasinca** (R. Till), I. Dudgeon, 8-11 .... R. Floyd 16

5-2 Joking, 11-4 Pueblo, 5-1 Lentonside, 13-2 Quartic Melody, 8-1 Gypsy Bronze, 9-1 Orcis, 10-1 Divided, 12-1 Hamstone, 16-1 others.

2.45 ASTON PARK HANDICAP (£690: 1¼m)

3 1-02134 **Be Gyrful** (C. Harper), W. Marshall, 5-9-0 .. R. Marshall 6
7 -10040 **Mythical Lady** (D. Tormey), R. Smyth, 5-8-6 .. P. Cheese 5 7
10 143112 **Shore Captain (D)** (A. Struthers), J. Dunlop, 5-8-5 D. Gillespie 3 4
12 003004 **Lucien** (K. Cunningham-Brown), V. Cross, 4-8-3 P. Cook 8
16 74f000 **Arctic Rascal** (J. Owens), J. Bradley, 4-7-12 I. Johnson 3 5
17 000000 **Annemary** (C. Hurt), Mrs R. Lomax, 3-7-12 .. D. Moss 7 3
19 000044 **Satchman (D)** (Mrs C. Reavey), E. Reavey, 3-7-10 T. McKeown 2
30 30000- **Nelvern** (F. Miller), D. Barons, 4-7-8 .... D. McKay 1

7-4 Shore Captain, 3-1 Be Gyrful, 9-2 Mythical Lady, 6-1 Lucien, 8-1 Satchman, 12-1 others.

3.15 ADSTOCK MANOR HANDICAP (£586: 6f)

5 023221 **Nalanda** (R. Tikkoo), A. Breasley, 3-8-9 ...... P. Waldron 5
6 000000 **Roman Way (D)** (T. Crawford), R. Hannon, 5-8-8 ...... — 12
7 342410 **God Willing (D)** (Mrs D. Abbott), G. Harwood, 5-8-7 .... — 10
8 022133 **Taracross (D)** (A. Stevens), Stevens, 5-8-6 M. Simmonite 7 1
10 123400 **Little Run (CD)** (Mrs B. Waller), F. Cundell, 5-7-12 P. Cook 1
12 022000 **White Wonder** (Sir C. Clore), P. Cole, 3-7-11 T. McKeown 5
13 200030 **Sailor's Frolic (D)** (P. Gallagher), W. Marshall, 4-7-11 D. McKay 2
15 00-0100 **Peace and Quiet (D)** (B. Jowell), M. Salaman, 3-7-8 W. Wharton 7 4
17 000000 **Noirmont Point (CD)** (E. Thornton), J. Old, 7-7-7 F. Morby 9
18 1-02400 **Enniscrone (D)** (W. Wharton), Wharton, 3-7-7 R. Fox 3 6
19 013000 **Deva Rose** (Mrs P. Sherwin), R. Hollinshead, 3-7-7 K. Lewis 5 11
21 002300 **She Thawed** (H. Morgan), J. Bradley, 3-7-7 .... — 8
22 f00- **Aberdeen Cool** (R. Howells), A. Jones, 4-7-7 .... — 13

9-4 Nalanda, 4-1 Sailor's Frolic, 5-1 God Willing, 13-2 Taracross, 8-1 White Wonder, 9-1 Little Run, 10-1 Enniscrone, 12-1 Roman Way, 16-1 others.

3.45 LUCKNAM PARK HANDICAP (3-y-o: £596: 1m)

3 103202 **Yamadori (D)** (J. Kashiyama), R. Houghton, 9-8 F. Morby 3
8 140010 **Fleeting Image** (M. Berger), J. Dunlop, 8-13 D. Gillespie 3 4
9 03-1330 **Crimson Dawn** (B. Jenks), B. Hills, 8-10 .... P. Eddery 7
10 300021 **The Goldstone (CD)** (Mrs S. Pakenham), W. Wightman, 8-9 G. Baxter 2
11 10-0040 **Sandy's Girl** (W. Owens), J. Bradley, 8-6 .. I. Johnson 3 5
12 000024 **Gambling Melody** (Mrs G. Rimell), M. Stoute, 8-5 .. P. Cook 1
14 4-01000 **Wot-A-Lad (CD)** (Mrs B. Stein), J. Sutcliffe, 8-3 B. Rouse 8
17 200023 **Sunset Value (D)** (J. Fielder), A. Pitt, 8-1 ...... A. Bond 6
18 202001 **Whirlitzer (D)** (Mrs R. Allen), A. Breasley, 8-1 T. McKeown 9

11-4 Yamadori, 3-1 The Goldstone, 5-1 Whirlitzer, 13-2 Gambling Melody, 7-1 Crimson Dawn, 10-1 Fleeting Image, 12-1 Sunset Value, 16-1 others.

4.15 WHITSBURY MANOR PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 7f)

2 f01 **Via Con Vente (C)** (C. Hurt), Mrs R. Lomax, 9-4 G. Baxter 21
8 00 **Friday's Meadow** (Mrs L. Summers), H. Williams, 8-11 R. Fox 3 9
9 000 **Galcombe** (R. Liddington), F. Freeman, 8-11 .. J. Mercer 19
10 000 **Graffic** (Mrs C. Richards), A. Stevens, 8-11 M. Simmonite 7 1
11 00 **Grannyboy** (E. Browne), J. Cann, 8-11 H. Ballantine 5 10
12 c30 **Harvest Bounty** (J. Cann), Cann, 8-11 .... D. McKay 12
13 023300 **James Junior** (K. Hawkins), R. Akehurst, 8-11 .. P. Cook 5
16 0 **Mr Expedier** (Mrs M. Wickins), R. Akehurst, 8-11 R. Millman 7 11
16 02003 **Nepotist** (A. Oldrey), P. Walwyn, 8-11 .... P. Eddery 18
17 0000 **Noble Gunner** (Mrs M. Tennant), R. Hannon, 8-11 A. Bond 6
18 00 **On Sight** (Lady Petersham), B. Williams, 8-11 R. Wernham 5 4
20 00 **Richemede** (W. Owens), J. Bradley, 8-11 A. Launchbury 15
27 00424 **Wild Hunter** (R. Tikkoo), B. Hanbury, 8-11 .... P. Cook 13
30 0023 **Katie May** (L. Hall), F. Maxwell, 8-8 .... B. Taylor 6
31 0 **Let 'Em Have It** (Mrs B. Firestone), R. Houghton, 8-8 F. Morby 14
35 00 **Needcombe** (J. Thorne), Thorne, 8-8 .... — 2
37 00 **Rouge Etoile** (R. Hicks), V. Cross, 8-8 .... T. McKeown 3
38 00 **Tillerman** (D. Green), R. Hollinshead, 8-8 .... T. Ives 16
39 **Mr Zimmerman** (D. White), T. Healey, 8-6 .... J. Rowe 7 2
40 **Sharon's Boy** (E. Tratt), V. Cross, 8-6 .... T. Roger 7
41 **Calistell** (Colonel Sir D. Clague), P. Nelson, 8-3 B. Henry 17

9-4 Katie May, 11-4 Via Con Vente, 4-1 James Junior, 11-2 Nepotist, 7-1 Wild Hunter, 10-1 Let 'Em Have It, 16-1 others.

Chepstow selections

By Our Racing Staff

1.45 Forrard Away. 2.15 Joking. 2.45 Shore Captain. 3.15 Nalanda. 3.45 Yamadori. 4.15 Wild Hunter.

Nottingham results

1.0 (1.4) WOODBOROUGH PLATE (2-y-o: Div I: £414: 1½m)

Black Ray, b c, by Blakeney—Blue Ray (R. Richards), 9-0 W. Carson (8-1) 1
Napperon, ch c, by Jefferson—Sanappe (Sir R. McAlpine), 9-0 G. Baxter (5-2 jt fav) 2
Luela, b f, by Lorenzaccio—Angelio (Mrs N. Murless), 8-11 E. Eldin (5-2 jt fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-1 Quorlis (4th), 8-1 Baldoon, 12-1 Typing, 20-1 Blue Moonlight, Fair Salute, 25-1 Aim High, Copanblew, Snow Swan, Power Packed, Remenham. 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 76p; places, 19p, 17p, 17p. C. Brittain, Newmarket. Nk, 1½l.

1.30 (1.31) RAINWORTH PLATE (2-y-o: £345: 1m)

Harry Hall, ch g, by On Your Mark—Penny Wise (G. Blum), 8-8 T. McKeown (11-2 jt fav) 1
Grand Piano, ch f, by Manacle—Fairennis (A. Clegg), 8-5 A. Cressy (13-2) 2
Fountains Abbey, b c, by Appiani II—Fountains (S. Richards), 8-11 G. Starkey (11-2 jt fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-2 jt fav Sanquil (4th), 6-1 Double Mask, 7-1 Porridge, 8-1 Safe Anchorage, 20-1 Amber Sam, Blading, Prince Glen, 33-1 Jarella, Straight Turn, Willie May, Mrs G., Magic Ruler. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 48p; places, 30p, 33p, 25p. G. Blum, Newmarket. ½l, hd. Saddlers Queen withdrawn, not under orders.

2.0 (2.2) KEDGWORTH HANDICAP (£701: 6f)

Nantucket, ch c, by Pall Mall—Araminessa (P. Goulandris), 3-8-12 ...... P. Eddery (9-2 fav) 1
Day Two, ch g, by Blast—Rovira (R. Payne), 6-8-8 F. Durr (11-1) 2
Fearless Boy, ch c, by Yellow God—Madam Clare (D. Robinson), 3-9-7 .... B. Raymond (12-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 8-1 Miss Monaco, Saveloy Melody (4th), Cabarita, 9-1 Blues Again, 12-1 Bala Girl, 14-1 Haberdasher, Prince Mandarin (u), 16-1 Calunn, 20-1 London Cry, Royal Pal, Fishy Tale, White Emperor, 33-1 Gilliver Lad, Gold Tipped, Solo Sny, Gusty Somers. 17 ran.

TOTE: Win, 54p; places, 14p, 28p, 60p, 34p. P. Walwyn, Lambourn. Hd, 1½l.

2.30 (2.33) BELTON HANDICAP (£751: 1m 5f)

Rethink, b c, by Hauban—White Flame (Mrs E. Hargrave), 7-7-7 T. McKeown (10-1) 1
Court Circus, b h, by Florihunda—On Probation (R. Muddle), 5-9-2 ...... N. Crowther (9-1) 2
Iver, b g, by Tacitus—Goldella (G. Greenwood), 4-8-9 M. Simmonite (8-1) —

ALSO RAN: 6-1 jt fav Kingfisher Blue, Whispering Grace, Bells Lad, 8-1 Barbecue, E. Memino, 12-1 Balnespick, 14-1 Bezzaman, 20-1 Javelindsay, Knodine, Quick Draw, Valdy, Truckers Request (4th). 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.55; places, 54p, 51p, 55p. A. Dalton, at Newmarket. ½l, nl, hd.

3.0 (3.2) WOODBOROUGH PLATE (2-y-o: £414: 1½m)

Rushmere, br c, by Blakeney—Omentello (L. Tarrant), 9-0 P. Eddery (7-1) 1
Annas Princess, b f, by Derring Do—Lady Anna (Mrs M. Ingram), 8-11 .... M. Birch (16-1) 2
Exacum, ch c, by Exbury—Crassala (L. Wiltshire), 9-0 F. Durr (5-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Dark Moon (4th), 7-2 Good Alibi, 1-1 Roadhead, 10-1 Pinewood Grange, 25-1 Really Agiev, 33-1 C. Minor, Frivolity, Gwenlov, Phyllis Grey, Vivicissimo. 15 ran.

TOTE: Win, 98p; places, 18p, 31p, 24p. P. Walwyn, at Lambourn. 3l, sh hd.

3.30 (3.33) WESTBOROUGH HANDICAP (2-y-o: £414: 6f)

Maidenform, b f, by King Emperor—Am Stretchin (J. Mullion), 8-0 F. Durr (11-2) 1
Miss Chelsea, ch f, by Crocket—Miss London (J. Pearce), 7-10 R. Fox (4-1 fav) 2
Gresham Girl, b f, by Right Tack—Granville Greta (J. Martin), 8-6 ...... N. Crowther (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 9-2 Steel King, 6-1 Mary Garden, 9-1 Little Friend, 11-1 Ginger Knit, Skimmer, 20-1 Hold Maiden, Precious Mackenzie (4th), Carrsedor, Hot Belle, Pams Gleam, 33-1 Farezah, Gingermede, Fairman, Sylvan D'Or, United, Doris's Choice, Track Anna. 20 ran.

TOTE: Win, 58p; places, 17p, 10p, 61p, 61p. I. Balding, at Kingsclere. 1½l, hd. Sheric Boy did not run.

4.0 (4.2) FLAWBOROUGH STAKES (3-y-o fillies: £424: 1m)

Regal Twin, b f, by Majestic Prince—Times Two (Sir C. Clore), 9-0 R. Edmondson (6-4 fav) 1
String Along, ch f, by Crepello—Popkins (R. Mollor), 9-0 G. Baxter (10-1) 2
Two Good, ch f, by Double Jump—Righteous Girl (E. Holland-Martin), 9-0 .. W. Carson (15-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-2 fav Tudor Sunrise, 11-2 Just Amy, 7-1 Brandenburn (4th), 30-1 Come North, 25-1 Rindoo, 33-1 Black Alice, Comino Song, Mrs Miller. 11 ran.

TOTE: Win, 28p; places, 12p, 23p, 20p. P. Cole, at Lambourn. sh hd, nk.

TOTE DOUBLE: Nantucket and Rushmere, £10.70. TREBLE: Harry Hall, Rethink and Maidenform, £52.50.

Teesside Park

1.15 (1.20) WYNYARD PLATE (2-y-o: £311: 7f)

Orbitman, ch c, by Skymaster—Gambola (Mrs D. Butler), 8-11 A. Bond (11-4) 1
Cartridge Speed, b c, by Vitriolic—Solid Thought (R. Tikkoo), 9-4 L. C. Parkes (5-1) 2
Saturn Sun, ch c, by Skymaster—Red Madonna (Mrs R. Tikkoo), 8-11 (bl) ...... J. Lynch (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 2-1 fav Gallic Law (4th), 16-1 Prince Regal, Round Sixty Three, 20-1 Regal Tudor, Beautiful Park, Dear Ribbon, 33-1 Beire Le Chatel, Lantern Boy, Mayhem, Austhorpe Hill, Axeholme Pride, Candella, Riding Lea, Winsan. 17 ran.

TOTE: Win, 44p; places, 22p, 40p, 46p. H. Cecil, at Newmarket. 3l, 3l.

1.45 (1.50) WHITE HOUSE HANDICAP (3-y-o: £311: 7f)

Ponmaysoul, b g, by Pongee—Daisy May (O. Robinson), 8-8 P. Madden (33-1) 1
Deep Divide, b f, by Precipice Wood—Tacadora (R. Sangster), 9-0 ...... E. Hide (11-2) 2
Rust Borough, b c, by Star Moss—Abernisia (W. Brown), 8-9 J. Egan (16-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 7-4 fav Love in May (4th), 5-1 Radar Girl, 8-1 Ray of Cities, 10-1 Philmarnie, Tunstall Jane, 12-1 Garn, 11-1 Queueing, 14-1 Hod On, Larella, 20-1 Bold Saint, Forever Faithful (f), Feeling Blue, Pippin Inn, Rocky-Bill, 33-1 Brave Heart, Some Fella, Nariu Mani Poum. 20 ran.

TOTE: Win, £5.66; places, 94p, 18p, 39p, 12p. G. N. Robinson, at Beal. 3l, 3l.

2.15 (2.19) STOCKTON HANDICAP (£516: 1m 4f 115yds)

Wilmore, b g, by Super Sam—Torrish (G. Adshead), 4-7-9 (bl) .... S. Salmon (7-1) 1
Salvo of Conkers, ch f, by Salvo—Hi Conkers (T. Johnson), 4-7-13 L. G. Brown (7-1) 2
Water Pistol, ch g, by Hill Clown (USA)—Well Armed (Lady Macdonald-Buchanan), 4-8-2 G. Duffield (10-1) 3

ALSO RAN: 11-4 fav Silver Teal, 11-2 Malinella (4th), Leoncilo, 10-1 Nuron, 14-1 Dunky, 16-1 Lochranza, 20-1 Willow Wall, 33-1 Reverits, Prince Luna. 12 ran.

TOTE: Win, £1.27; places, 45p, 30p, 54p. W. Wharton, at Melton Mowbray. 3l, 7l. Va-Nu-Pieds (11-1) was withdrawn. Rule 4 does not apply.

2.45 (2.47) CARRS STAKES (2-y-o: £589: 5f)

Delayed Action, b f, by Jolly Jet—Oversight (A. Jackson), 9-7 O. Gray (9-4) 1
Nagwa, br f, by Tower Walk—Tamerisk Way (K. Sasi), 9-0 R. Cochrane (8-11 fav) 2
Brave Panther, b c, by Tribal Chief—Koryl (R. Tikkoo), 9-10 E. Hide (9-2) 3

ALSO RAN: 50-1 Ochil Hills Star, 100-1 Copper (4th), Tyrus, Cora.

TOTE: Win, 39p; places, 22p, 10½p; dual forecast, 23p. G. Toft, at Beverley. Nk, 2l.

3.15 (3.18) CARLTON HANDICAP (3-y-o: £418: 1m)

Voucher Book, ch f, by Good Bond—Concession Day (Mrs A. Shaw), 7-12 ...... E. Apter (11-2) 1
Shady Desire, ch f, by Meldrum—Red Doon (A. Le Blond), 8-9 C. Eccleston (7-1) 2
Calaburn, b f, by Caliban—Moivitesse (Mrs J. Scott), 7-5 S. Webster (5-1 jt fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 5-1 jt fav Dollie Case, 13-2 Orina, 7-1 My Wellie, 11-1 Lennoxlore, 16-1 Crag Top, 20-1 Black Phyllis, Foxwood Boy, Barnaby Beck, Pinacle, Chanda (4th). 13 ran.

TOTE: Win, 33p; places, 18p, 20p, 22p. S. Hall at Middleham. 1½l, 1½l.

3.45 (3.47) CLEVELAND PLATE (3-y-o: £311: 1m 7f)

Bill Cawgraves, b c, by Alcide—Copper Gold (R. Quincey), 8-11 G. Duffield (11-2) 1
Miss Rosetta, b f, by Ballymoss—Rusalka (J. Fisher), 8-6 P. Young (3-1) 2
Misty Joanne, b f, by Foggy Bell—Tilly (Mrs B. Hunt), 8-11 P. Madden (5-2 fav) 3

ALSO RAN: 6-1 Derry Town (4th), 10-1 Haze, Venetian Blind, 14-1 Captain Nolan, Fine Fashion, 33-1 Fair People, 50-1 Belle Flyer. 10 ran. Gold Yarn did not run.

TOTE: Win, 89p; places, 25p, 14p, 15p; dual forecast, 51p. F. Carr, Malton. 1l, 5l.

TOTE DOUBLE: Wilmore, Voucher Book, £142.85. TREBLE: Ponmaysoul, Delayed Action, Bill Cawgraves, £77.45.

OFFICIAL SCRATCHINGS: All engagements (dead): Herbertson, Rabbit.

Motor racing

Alfa test their formula one comeback car

By John Blunsden

Alfa Romeo, who won the formula one world championship in 1950 and 1951—the first two years of the competition—and then bowed out of the grand prix scene, are hoping to make a comeback in 1976. The 12-cylinder engine which took them to victory this year in the world sports car championship has been adapted to fit a new Martini Brabham, which has been designed at the team's Surrey headquarters by the young South African, Gordon Murray. The car, designated the BT45, is undergoing tets at the small Ricard circuit in the south of France following initial trials at Silverstone and at Alfa Romeo's test track at Balocco.

As far as possible Murray has endeavoured to give the car similar handling characteristics to those of his 1975 model, the Ford-powered BT44B, in which each of the team's drivers scored a grand prix victory this year—Pace in Brazil and Reutemann in West Germany.

But the greater length and weight of the Italian engine, which is reputed to produce around 500 bhp at over 12,000 rpm, has called for an extended chassis with a pair of side members straddling the engine. A separate engine air intake is mounted above each of the side members to give a "two funnel" appearance behind the cockpit and to leave a smooth passage for air travelling over the cockpit and on to the rear wing.

Both drivers speak well of the new engine's smoothness and power range and of the car's traction following their initial trials, but back-to-back tests will be made with one of the team's Ford-powered cars before a final decision is made on the Martini Brabham car lineup next season.

Meanwhile, a few miles from the Alfa Romeo headquarters, Ferrari have unveiled another new car to prove that they are not content to rest on the laurels of their recently-won world championship success. To be known as the 312T, the car features revised bodywork with steeply sloping nose section and cockpit sides and an interesting De Dion system of rear suspension in place of the conventional independent layout currently in universal use. The Ferrari engineers believe that the semi-independent De Dion system, which was commonplace on racing cars some 25 years ago, can offer distinct advantages in conjunction with modern, low-profile, wide-tread tyres under some circuit conditions.

However, the Italian team are hedging their bets, and have so designed the car that it can be converted back to independent suspension within an hour; this will enable them to arrive at a race circuit with cars featuring both types of suspension, compare their performance during the first practice period, and then convert one of the cars accordingly before the race.

RIVERSIDE (California): Formula 5,000 ninth race: 1, M. Andretti (US); 2, A. Unser (US); 3, B. Redman (GB). Final overall placings: 1, Redman, 237pts; 2, Andretti, 163; 3, Unser, 161.

Tennis

Connors enters strong field in Dewar Cup

Jimmy Connors, of the United States, is returning to Britain to have another crack at Arthur Ashe, who took away his Wimbledon title this year. Connors is the latest of the big names to enter for the Dewar Cup. He joins another former Wimbledon champion, Jan Kodes, of Czechoslovakia, together with Romania's Ilie Nastase in the challenge for the £4,000 first prize.

The tournament, with overall prize money of £45,000, is split between two cities. After the qualifying rounds have been held at Meadowbank, Edinburgh, from November 6 to 7, the first round proper will start, also at Meadowbank, on November 8 and continue in Edinburgh until November 11. Then the event moves to London, where the final rounds will be played at the Albert Hall from November 12 to 15.

The women's entry is headed by Virginia Wade, of Britain.

Ice skating

An Olympic winter which could bring Britain medals

By Dennis Bird

This is an Olympic winter, and the thoughts of ice skaters throughout the world are fixed on that first fortnight in February when the twelfth Winter Games take place in Innsbruck. The Tyrolean capital was also the setting in 1964, when the 11,000-seat ice stadium provided excellent facilities for the indoor skating events and ice hockey. For 1976 the Austrians have rebuilt their open-air speed skating circuit.

In the past Olympic skating has been confined to figure and speed events; ice dancing was ignored. At last, however, the junior branch of the sport has been recognized, and the first Olympic dance champions will be acclaimed on February 9. As Britain took third place in the 1975 world championship, hopes of an Olympic dance medal are high.

There is also a new event for men speed skaters. To the classic distances of 500 metres, 1,500m, 5,000m and 10,000m, the International Olympic Committee have added a fifth event of 1,000m.

The figure skating season began this month with the annual international Skate Canada competition, held this time in Edmonton, Alberta, from October 23 to 25. The other main fixtures are:

November 2 and 3: Richmond Trophy (women's figure skating), Richmond.
November 15: British ice dance championship, Nottingham.
December 2 and 3: British ice figure skating championships, Richmond.
January 13 to 17: European championships, Geneva.
February 4 to 15: Winter Olympic Games, Innsbruck.
March 2 and 6: World championships, Gothenburg, Sweden.
March 10 to 13: Junior championships (ISU), Megève, France.

At Innsbruck the men's singles is likely to be the most interesting figure skating event. On 1975 form the Russians should triumph—but who can tell if the winner will be Yuri Ovchinnikov (Russian champion), Vladimir Kovalev (European champion) or Sergei Volkov (champion of the world)? Perhaps it will be none of them. The European runner-up, John Curry (Britain), and the Canadian champion, Toller Cranston, also have justifiable hopes.

And there is a joker in the pack: a 20-year-old East German, Jan Hoffmann. He was world champion in 1974, but a cartilage operation kept him out of competition last season.

Britain's best hopes for an Olympic medal of some kind are the national men's champion, John Curry, and the dancers, Glyn Watts and Hilary Green. Curry, who trains in the United States, is a marvellously artistic free skater who will be helped by a recent rule change which makes that part of his event worth 70 per cent instead of 60 per cent of the judges' marks.

Watts and Miss Green took the bronze medal in this year's world ice dance championship, and could do as well in Innsbruck. The gold medals will almost certainly go to the Soviet Union, either through the vivacious Irina Moiseyeva and Alexander Minenkov, the world champions, or their predecessors, Alexander and Ludmilla Gorshkov.

In pair skating it is hard to imagine anyone beating the redoubtable 26-year-old Muscovite, Irina Rodnina. She has won seven world pair titles, more than anyone else in history, and with her present partner, Alexander Zaitsev, she achieved new heights of excellence in 1975.

The supreme woman skater of the day is Dianne de Leeuw, of The Netherlands; accurate in the compulsory figures, she is both artistic and technically admirable in free skating. She dethroned the 1974 world champion, Christine Errath, of East Germany, in a dramatic contest at this year's event at Colorado Springs; both Miss Errath and the United States champion, Dorothy Hamill, will be seeking to reverse that decision of the international panel of judges.

For the British women's champion, Gail Keddie, last season was a sad disappointment; she was twentieth in the world championship. She, like Curry, now trains in the United States, and she hopes to fend off the double challenge from Karena Richardson, aged 16, Britain's best woman free skater, and from Yvonne Kavanagh when she defends her title in December.

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...vie has England poised ... into the final stages of ...ean championship on a ...nthusiasm and attacking ...n Bratislava tomorrow. ...d can beat Czechoslo... ...re, only a large defeat ...gal can prevent them ... for the quarter-finals ... the competition next ...

...tevie, who recalled ...d yesterday for his first ...ppearance in 18 months, ...e changes from the side ... Switzerland last month ...s himself with one of ... most attacking sides on ... a decade.

... four recognized goal... ...t the side, but expects ... play in midfield along... ...aptain, Francis, and Bell. ...dd survives in defence ... Swiss game. Madeley ...r at right back from ..., McFarland replaces ...nd the young attacking ... Gillard, fills the vacancy ... injured Beattie. Beattie ... to Ipswich for further ... on his injury with club ... Johnson, worried by ...uble, as the rest of the ...arty flew out to Czecho... ...esterday.

...ohnson out, Macdonald, ...e on as substitute in ...ds the attack and Clarke ...r his first England game ...r. Currie is left out to ...m.

...ds up to England's most ...ide for many years, but ..., apart from pledging an ... policy, makes no rash ... He believes the team will ... by enthusiasm generated ...eek's fine club perform... ...European competition and ...s to unsettle the Czecho... ...y being aggressive from ...

...ok it would be a mistake ...fensively", he said. "To do that the team must have played together for a long time. At Leeds we could do it but the England side does not get enough time to work as a team to do that", he said.

"I think it is much safer to attack in this kind of position."

McFarland, whose career was threatened by achilles tendon trouble when he was injured in the home championship match against Northern Ireland in May, 1974, gains Mr Revie's vote because of the close understanding with his Derby colleague Todd. The England manager must have also considered that McFarland will give England more mobility at the back than the heavier built Watson, who has played in all nine of Mr Revie's internationals to date. McFarland said: "It is marvellous to be back. I think it is the biggest 'kick' of my career."

Macdonald handed out a warning just before the party, who have been insured for £10m, left London. "The Czechs had better watch out", he said. "A lot of people have been trying to bury me recently so I'll be out to prove them all wrong."

Macdonald forced his way back into the side with 10 League goals for Newcastle after being removed from the home international with Northern Ireland in Belfast in May. He came on as substitute for Johnson in the 2—1 win over the Swiss in Basle last month.

Mr Revie said: "My biggest problem was dropping Watson. He is a good player, but I thought it best to have two players together who know each other's moves thoroughly for this match which I rate the most important since I took over last year. Dave took the decision exceptionally well." Mr Revie added: "If we win this match maybe I'll play a sweeper against Portugal next month.

"Allan Clarke has been playing extremely well this season and he is a useful man to have around for this match. Keegan has been playing in midfield for his club with a lot of composure. He has tremendous control and will be a difficult man to pick up coming through the middle."

One of the most disappointed players was the West Ham defender, Lampard, who had been called up late on Sunday night yet is not even among the substitutes. "It was nice to know that I'm still wanted for the squad let alone anything else", he said.

England team

	Caps
R. Clemence (Liverpool)	13
P. Madeley (Leeds United)	19
R. McFarland (Derby County)	24
C. Todd (Derby County)	17
I. Gillard (QP Rangers)	2
C. Bell (Manchester City)	47
G. Francis (QP Rangers, capt)	5
K. Keegan (Liverpool)	15
M. Channon (Southampton)	28
M. Macdonald (Newcastle U)	12
A. Clarke (Leeds United)	17

Substitutes: P. Shilton (Stoke City), 21; D. Watson (Manchester City), 15; T. Brooking (West Ham United), 7; D. Thomas (Queens Park Rangers), 6; S. Pearson (Manchester United), 0.

Under-23 team

P. Parkes (QP Rangers)
J. Gidman (Aston Villa)
M. Lyons (Everton)
A. Dodd (Stoke City)
A. Kennedy (Newcastle United)
A. Towers (Sunderland, capt)
M. Buckley (Everton)
D. Armstrong (Middlesbrough)
I. Moores (Stoke City)
P. Boyer (Norwich City)
D. Mills (Middlesbrough).

Substitutes: P. Taylor (Crystal Palace), M. Wallington (Leicester City), S. Powell (Derby County), B. Greenhoff (Manchester United).

...hlander called up

...cDonald, the Highlander ... taken over as centre half ...tic in place of Billy ... is in the Scotland side ...European under-23 cham... ...match against Denmark ...urgh tonight. The Scot... ...nager, William Ormond, ... forced into changes fol... ... the life international ...ns of Tottenham's Willie ... and Pat McCluskey, of ...s a result of incidents ...hagen in September.

... and McCluskey were in ... who defeated Denmark ... that occasion. Miller, the ... midfield player who ...or the senior side in the ... championship game ... Romania last June, returns ...r-23 duty. Conn, whose last international appearance was also at senior level, against England at Wembley last May, is in the attack.

Gray, signed by Aston Villa from Dundee United for £110,000 in September, is given another chance in the rejigged forward line, which includes Motherwell's Pettigrew, scorer of four goals against Dundee last Saturday.

Mr Ormond confirmed yesterday that Leeds United's goalkeeper, Harvey, had recovered from a thigh bruise and would be joining the senior international party for tomorrow's match with Denmark in Glasgow.

SCOTLAND UNDER-25: A. Rough (Partick Thistle); G. Smith (St Johnstone), F. Gray (Leeds United), D. Narey (Dundee United), R. McDonald (Colltc), W. Miller (Aberdeen), A. Conn (Tottenham Hotspur), D. Brennor (Hibernian), W. Pettigrew (Motherwell), A. Gray (Aston Villa), T. Craig (Newcastle United).

Today's fixtures

UNDER-23 INTERNATIONAL: Scotland v Denmark (at Tynecastle Park, Edinburgh, 7.30).
EUROPEAN U-23 CHAMPIONSHIP: Qualifying round (group one): Czechoslovakia v England (at Trnava, 1.30).
TESTIMONIAL MATCH: Middlesbrough v Dynamo Zagreb (7.30).
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Premier division: Weymouth v Wealdstone (7.30). First division (North): AP Leamington v Gloucester (7.30); Banbury v Enderby (7.30); Barnet v Oswestry (7.30). South: Romford v Bognor Regis (7.30).
NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Fleetwood v Morecambe (7.30); Goole v Buxton (7.30); Lancaster v Gateshead United (7.30); Skelmersdale v Netherfield (7.30); Stafford Rangers v South Liverpool (7.30).
RUGBY UNION: Aberavon v Pontypridd.
RUGBY LEAGUE: Floodlit competition: Warrington v Wigan (7.25).

The Football Association confirmed yesterday that they would hold an inquiry into the pitch invasion which held up West Ham United's match against Manchester United at Upton Park last Saturday.

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...oblems for London over choice of backs

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Correspondent

...decision of J. P. R. Wil... ...not to make himself avail... ...r the London Counties side ... the Australians on Satur... ...eek has disappointed the ...s. It has left them with ... nomination, that of Jor... ...r the full back position ... party of 29 players an... ... yesterday. Fortunately ...e excellent cover for Jor... ...the person of Wyatt, his colleague, who has been ...s one of the wing three... ...and seems certain to play ...enham come what may. ... made a late start to his ...ecause of injury and I ... whether the selectors, ...y meet to pick the team ... evening—after a further ... of south-east county ...—might even now be ... to play Wyatt at full ...way. This seems improb... ... there is no doubt that ... would appeal more to ...mself. He has had quite ... experience in the posi... ...in fact he asked Bedford ...ould play there when ...as out of action in Sep...

However, Bedford's ... concerned with the over... ...e of their side, did not ...nessage.

Wyatt was in Australia ... England side in May, ...l the longest and most ...two-footed kicker in the ...ough has been seen of ... and acquisitive running ...ng, and his flair for the ...to suggest that he could ... full back of outstanding ...

...'s selectors are likely to ...ost time debating the choice of their backs. Bucknall (already named as captain), Ripley and Michael Biggar are the front runners at loose forward, Adam, Kennedy and Smart for the front row, and Ralston, with Martin or Mantell, for the second. The Scot, McHarg, said over the weekend he would be willing to play but added, not unreasonably, that he could not get up from Devon for training. So the selectors have not chosen him. With Ralston available, they need a front lineout jumper to partner him.

The number of scrum halves in the party has been reduced by Page's collar bone injury when playing for Northampton against Oxford University last Saturday. The selectors will consider the claims of the Rosslyn Park half back partnership—Weston and Byrne—but Bennett, I fancy, would be their first choice at stand-off. By all accounts, Lawson had an outstanding game in the London Scottish rout of Bedford at the weekend.

The return of Rutter to the first class scene, for Harlequins, now that his medical commitments allow, is a welcome bonus to the London selectors—I shall be surprised if he is not now their first choice for the centre. Friell, strong and penetrating, could be their second. The occasion could also see the return to the high representative level of Alastair Biggar, the British Lion of 1971, on a wing.

The 29 London players nominated are:

BACKS: A. Jorden (Bedford), A. Biggar (London Scottish), J. Janion (Richmond), D. Mackay (Rosslyn Park), D. Wyatt (Bedford), A. Friell (London Scottish), R. Hughes (London Welsh), T. Rutter (Harlequins), J. Shanklin (London Welsh), N. Bennett (Bedford), L. Byrne (Rosslyn Park), A. Lawson (London Scottish), L. Weston (Rosslyn Park).
FORWARDS: B. Adam (Wasps), C. Ballward (Bedford), P. Blinton (Rosslyn Park), C. Smart (Newport), A. Bodily (Rugged), E. Kennedy (London Irish), N. Mantell (Rosslyn Park), N. Martin (Bariaquins), C. Ralston (Richmond), A. Rogers (Rosslyn Park), M. Biggar (London Scottish), A. Buckmall (Richmond), A. Hollins (Bedford), R. J. Mordall (Rosslyn Park), E. Bignell (Rosslyn Park), A. Ripley (Rosslyn Park).

The Australians had a second period of training yesterday and Hipwell, the captain, expressed himself well satisfied with the results. "We were all a bit jaded and jet-lagged on Sunday but everyone was much sharper on this occasion. We are beginning to shake the cobwebs out". One setback was an injury to the full back Fitzgerald, who pulled a leg muscle near the end of the workout. It is feared he may have damaged a hamstring.

David Brockhoff, the coach, put the forwards through their paces at scrummage and lineout while the backs split up to practice their moves. The training finished with a strenuous period of 15-man rugby involving, as a unit, the team that will play the first match at Oxford tomorrow.

The lock, Mansfield, was an absentee along with Fiamme, who has a throat complaint. Mansfield has back trouble but it is not thought to be serious.

Stewart Pickering, captain of Oxford Rugby Football Club, resigned yesterday after twice being sent off in weekend matches. He was ordered off late in a match against Guy's Hospital last Saturday for kicking an opponent and in Sunday's Oxfordshire Knockout Cup game against Oxford Marathons he was sent off after five minutes for punching.

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UNIVERSITY: A. W. Ellis (St Edmund Hall and Keble); *C. P. Kent (Keble and Worcester), S. Holt (Lincoln), *P. Asquith (Balliol), D. Willis (Keble's and Worcester); Quinnan (St Benedicts and Leeds), R. Hood (Bromsgrove and Worcester), E. C. Horne (Emmanuel), *P. S. Rees (Cardiff and Oxford), P. Tongue (Birmingham and Oxford), *R. A. Davis (Hemsworth Grammar and Pembroke), *P. Kyrse-Wiseman (Chesmere and Worcester), ... (Orangefields and St Paul's), *D. A. S. ... (Capetown and ... captain). *A Blue

RFU attitude to rival code criticized by magazine

A demand for the abolition of what is termed the archaic apartheid between rugby union and rugby league is made in the current issue of *Sportsworld*, official journal of the British Olympic Association. The discrimination, says the magazine, is petty and pernicious, and the Rugby Football Union's case for continuing to bar those who have played the other code—even at amateur level—is riddled with anomalies and hypocrisy.

The ban extends not only to playing but to refereeing, acting as a touch judge, training, coaching or even entering the clubhouse. The magazine cites the example of four Yorkshire union players who lost their amateur status for playing in a village fete's seven-a-side league competition in aid of a children's Christmas treat. Although the fete's rules forbade league players from taking part, the two rugby union clubs involved have suspended their players.

The Rugby League secretary, David Oxley—a former union man—is quoted as saying: "A union player with a top club is now a seven-days-a-week man. There is far more pressure on him to win than a league player." He says he knows of many players paid by union clubs. "Some have recently turned down league club approaches because they are doing so well with their so-called amateur clubs."

And David Watkins, former Newport and Wales rugby union player, now playing rugby league with Salford, puts the point more forcefully: "The Rugby Football Union's attitude is too archaic.

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...thought it unfair for the ...ittee to comprise equal ... of club and tournament ...als when the proportion of membership is more than 61 in favour of the club. His statement charged the PGA executive with "inconsistent disciplinary procedures with favouritism, in particular, for Tony Jacklin and John Jacobs, the tournament director general".

Douglas Smith, the PGA chairman, refuted Tallack's charges and detailed the facts of the simmering dispute between the club and tournament players and the determined efforts to find a satisfactory solution at the meeting at Fulford, Yorkshire, last August.

The present constitution, which was given complete blessing at the last annual general meeting of the PGA, will be put forward for ratification next month.

Cricket

BRISBANE: Sheffield Shield: New South Wales, 250 for 7 dec and 141 (J. R. Thomson 3-59); Queensland, 227 for 9 dec and 165 for 2 (G. S. Chappell 86, S. Trimble 66 not out). Queensland won by 8 wkts.

Golf

MELBOURNE: Masters tournament: 282: D. Graham, 71, 70, 69, 72; 284: R. McNaughton, 70, 69, 73, 72; 285: R. Murphy (US), 71, 73, 71, 70; R. Burgess, 73, 72, 67, 73; 287: W. Dunk, 72, 75, 73; K. Brasswood (US), 71, 71, 71, 74; 289: H. Underwood (US), 69, 73, 72, 75.

Tennis

MANILA: J. Newcombe beat R. Rheinberger, 6—1, 6—2; A. Gardiner beat R. Bell, 7—5, 7—5; R. Ruffels beat W. Blocker, 6—3, 6—1; T. Gorman beat P. Kronk, 6—2, 6—4; H. Pohmann beat A. Amritraj, 6—0, 6—3.

Ice skating

EDMONTON: Men: 1, T. Cranston, 142.18pts; 2, R. Shaver, 140.72pts; 3, T. Kobicka, 138.66pts; 10, G. Jones (GB), 119.38pts. Dancing: 1, N. Linichuk and G. Karponosov, 194.60pts; 2, B. Beregowski and D. Porter, 187.90pts; 3, M. Ciccia and L. Ceserani, 186.68pts.

Fashion

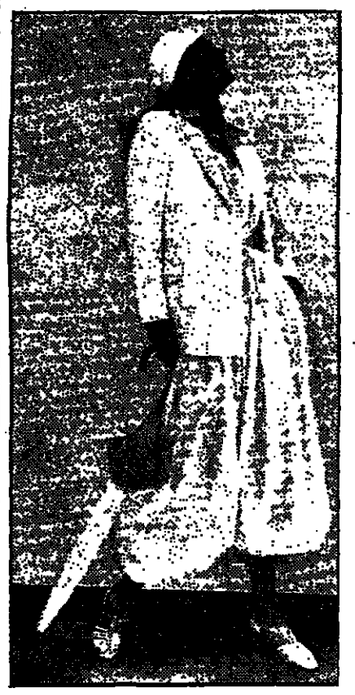
by Prudence Glynn

The international ready-to-wear collections



One of those slits; Yves St Laurent's white and navy T dress.







Above: The most likely to be copied from Jap; braided edge tabards little sporran bags, kilt buckles on the hip, wide short-sleeved T shirts, mid-calf length trousers (Japanese).

Left, above: Multicoloured shawl worn over two solid colour dresses, one eau de nil, one orange, by Missoni (Italian).

Left: A bow to the Third World by Valentino. White harem pants suit (Italian).

Photographs by Harry Kerr



Right: Handsome black knitted chimere, skirt and striped top, patterned in tones of muted rose, by John Ashpool from his current collection available from Elle. (British, working in Italy).

Left: Supremely tailored one-piece shorts-suit by Yves St Laurent (French).

Right: Calico dungaree suit and ticking jacket by Jean-Charles de Castelbajac (French).



Above: Purple crepe pleated harem pants, dishcloth knit long cardigan in brilliant colours, wedge-heeled strappy shoes, little hat, all by Kanzai Yamamoto (Japanese).





A bow to the Third World, or a toe in the waters of pornography?

I cannot make up my mind whether the clothes I saw in Paris last week were inspired by an awakening consciousness of the power and the problems of the Third World or by the wave of pornographic films and books at present sweeping France. On the one hand there is the theory that great nations decline not from having too few morals but from having too many: the moment you hesitate to exploit everyone you can and stop leaving the poor and weak to die, your national puissance begins to wane. Eventually the few remaining vigorous people, who are not breeding because they are conscientious about over-population, are left to support a great mound of useless, if innocent, people and projects, all proliferating at a rate of knots under the sun of this beneficence.

One of the moral mill-stones the developed countries acquire is whether they ought to be making fashion; whether they ought not to leave it to underdeveloped countries, which cannot do anything else.

On the other hand, you have films such as *L'Histoire d'O*, which even if it is a load of dreary rubbish (and it is) is a fact of leisure life in France just now. Incidentally the film is a splendid advertisement for invisible central heating, since for just as the characters are not covered with the marks the day after having dreadful things done to them, neither are they ever covered in goosepimples, though spending much of the time naked in dungeons. But it must be terribly depressing for the lingerie business. Nobody wears a stitch, even in restaurants, under their prissy Cerrutti button-throughs.

Nor, in many cases, did the girls showing the collections last week wear anything under their St Laurents, Issey Miyakes etc. In the majority of instances it was just as well, since the clothes were split to infinity, totally transparent or obliquely opaque, redolent of primitive vultures and the idea that a woman's place is in the master's hand. On the occasions when they emerged from Turkish harem pants, cheong-sams, sarongs, bikini tops, it was to don the clothes of the male white hunter, tailored to within an inch of Savile Row, crisp enough to have had a Chinese laundry man delivered with each parcel from the courturier, and covered with so many pockets and zips and concealed fastenings that any normal Boy Scout would be in ecstasy over them.

Every aspect of the traditional clothing of the emergent countries is used somewhere by some designer. It is almost as though the overdeveloped nations have been struck with guilt and, though determined to preserve their prosperous textile industries, feel honour bound to coddle the less fortunate who might take a share of the action by reproducing their native costumes as high fashion.

The fundamental principle of all the collections I saw last week was non-construction. Of course, this is reasonable to anyone who knows this page and remembers my regular amazement that in 1975 so much clothing can be constructed on such extravagant, wasteful and expensive lines. The designers are, indeed, seeking simplification, but rather than being innovative, they are going back to the age old methods.

There are for example, no darts on anything. If a skirt has to fit in to the waist, it does so in a series of tiny gathers. If a garment is too tight to walk in, rather than having expensive gores cut for width, the thing is slit to a level which makes it practicable. Modern fastenings are forgotten—buttons, toggles, pins: the wrap-around principle of the earliest garments, from the plaid to the sarong, are employed instead.

At the other end of the spectrum is the completely over-constructed group, which uses zips and ripcords and drawstrings and dog-lead clasps and industrial poppers just for the fun of them.

In rounding up the silhouettes, one might as well begin at the head, which is wrapped up in a multitude of scarves, the outer one rolled into a tube and bound over the thinner layers, rather like the Arab burnous, and not as silly as it sounds because that outer ring gives width and balance to the face. To lose the hair is devastating indeed, but do at least try out the wrapped head, being very careful that you look all right from the side as well as from the front. This bald look needs lots of carefully applied, colourful make-up. If you go barefaced you just look drab.

Coming to the neck, it should be decorated with a short, tight necklace with something hanging from the front. Tops are rather hard to define, since the dress is back in a big way, but by far the most important new look is the straight, slit-sided tunic dress to two inches below the knee, worn over trousers.

Trousers really are back, in two specific shapes: the slightly puffed harem type I reported from Italy last April, which are gathered in at the ankle (Kanzai Yamomoto pleats the outside flanks of his; nice), though I overheard a lot of nervous buyers asking whether the pants would be delivered so that they could be rendered conventional if necessary. The answer was usually yes. The other trouser shape is rather narrow, and as shown by Kingston Polytechnic in the summer, above-the-ankle length. Now this needs to be very cleverly cut if it is not to look as though you have grabbed just any old thing in an emergency.

Yves St Laurent gets away with it—his day clothes were superb, but the collection was spoiled by a group of appalling, flaccid little print frocks and clumsy evening dresses. I have rumbled the St Laurent genius, I think. He is a supreme adaptor of men's clothes for women—his sports things, shirts, tailleurs blazers, pants, safari clothes, are absolutely delicious, but the moment he tries to be "feminine" he only succeeds in being cloying.

There are no coats anywhere, and I should be grateful if the British coat industry stopped upbraiding me for advising my hard-pressed readers to choose one of the many alternatives and got down to hiring itself the quality of designer who would have told it, 18 months ago, that coats were going out as high fashion. Shoes are much lower in the heel, mostly still wedged, and very ethnic, made in canvas, rope, and wood. (Another natural bow to material and manufacturing costs?)

Colours are brilliant—hot pink, jungle juice green, scarlet, orange, blue, yellow, purple. Missoni, famous for her melanges, goes into the solid colour story and loses something of her zip. Kanzai Yamomoto uses colours with great effect; Issey Miyake, less adventurous anyway, sticks to sludge and a certain repetition of line. St Laurent's wrap skirts remind me of Kenzo Tekada's two season's back. John Ashpool, exiled to Italy, is doing "pauper patchwork" knits which are lovely, and using that rayon lace, which everyone has as a shawl, multicolour for dresses.

In a week that made me wonder what I was actually going to wear, Valentino was a lovely, reassuring, flattering haven, all the nicest looks, made with love. The biggest find for me was Jean-Charles de Castelbajac, whose zipped-up, hooded "industrial drone" clothes in poplin, dishcloth, ping-pong raquet cover, ticking, webbing, etc, I thought were so filled with ideas and fun that I wanted the lot. Someone should get him to do a collection aimed at this country, because he seems to be selling to the top end boutiques and his clothes simply do not deserve to be barred on price from the mass market.

So what about all the nudity on the catwalk? Is it the latest step in honest dressing, as is argued by those who see underwear as an artificial barrier to decorating the body? Is it a reflection of the anything goes (off)—attitude of the soft porn brigade? Or is it desperation? "In every age the absence of genuine inspiration is supplied by the strong illusions of enthusiasm and the mimic arts of imposture", wrote Edward Gibbon. Kenzo Tekada of Jap, should have written over his desk, since once again his presentation was an unseemly furore which did not, however, mask from this observer a decided lack of new ideas. Of course, I know what Gibbon would have thought about *L'Histoire d'O*. He would have thought it was a load of dreary rubbish.

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Finding ways of preserving Europe's classic past

Architects, planners, economists, local government officials and politicians from 29 European countries, including the Soviet Union, have just finished meeting in Amsterdam to discuss, in their own phrase, whether there is a future for our past. In other words, can popular opinion be aroused and money made available to prevent the further decay and destruction of our cities, towns, villages and country houses?

The conference was intended to be the high spot of European Architectural Heritage Year, and was happily held in one of the world's loveliest and most zealously preserved cities. If at times it seemed to lack inspiration, that may have been because in the past 10 months delegates have discovered that *conservation needs* a great deal more than high-sounding phrases about international cooperation.

To be fair, the speakers did provide something more than that. *It did delegates no harm* to be reminded, for instance, that conservationists were not always universally popular but, on the contrary, were frequently regarded as bourgeois romantics more interested in buildings than in people.

Likewise a good many heads nodded when a French delegate pointed out the simple economic fact that restoration too often meant the displacement of low income families from their homes by an invasion of middle class money. If this were not to happen, it would mean, in most cases, considerable public subsidies.

Many delegates felt that such subsidies were justified as the most economic means of maintaining a stock of lowcost housing and preventing the breakup of existing communities. The success of the communist-led local authority in Bologna was cited as an example. But in many countries, not least Britain, local authorities have yet to be persuaded that rehabilitation is a realistic alternative to wholesale demolition and rebuilding.

Apart from the question of money, which occupied a good deal of the conference's time and attention, there were wide divergencies in priorities and in the methods used for protection. Most European countries use the term "Monument" to apply to everything from a medieval castle to a row of nineteenth-century artisans' cottages. Some have spent huge sums of money on the immensely detailed and authentic restoration of buildings almost totally destroyed in the last war, although there was clearly a growing concensus among conference delegates that the retention of townscape scale and atmosphere was if anything, even more important than the preservation of individual buildings.

That statement needs to be qualified, since the most notable buildings do need special attention and finance. One suggestion was that countries should find an agreed formula for distinguishing between buildings which were of *outstanding importance* as "Monuments" and those which merely contributed to overall character and appearance.

Grading, of course, has been *applied to listed buildings* in Britain for many years, and Mr Michael Middleton, director of the Civic Trust, could not resist pointing out that Britain had listed nearly nine times as many buildings and designated some 70 times as many conservation areas as France.

But he was not being smug. It is all too obvious that the British system has failed to prevent massive and destructive changes in the appearance of our towns and cities and, when it comes to controlling demolition and new buildings, Amsterdam, for example, is *streets ahead.*

Perhaps the greatest drawback of the conference, however, was its emphasis on conservation to the exclusion of any discussion of how new developments can be controlled so as to harmonise with and complement the old. It would be absurd to suggest that modern buildings should be near replicas of what exists already, and it is not the task of conservationists to concern themselves with the shortcomings of modern architecture. But many conservationists are architects and they should be able to do more than congratulate *each other on the few* examples of successfully blending the old and new.

Nevertheless, itw as impossible not to warm to the enthusiasm and dedication shown by almost everyone at the conference. There seemed to be not only a collective pride in the incomparable splendour of Europe's architectural legacy, which is every bit as important as its music, painting and literature. There was also an unspoken feeling that the conservation movement should embrace not just lovers of old buildings, but also the millions who resent *the erosion of their cherished* and familiar surroundings and the designation of cities not as human settlements but as chunks of speculative real estate. If that gap can be bridged, it will become an important movement indeed.

John Young

America believes none but the brave can beat the threat of international terrorism

The United States is not short of experience with domestic terrorists, from assassins and bombers to airliner hijackers. Yesterday's bomb explosions in New York, Washington and Chicago, claimed by Puerto Rican nationalists, fit the domestic pattern, *underlining* the fact that the country has so far largely been spared international terrorism within its borders.

To the Federal Bureau of Investigation, however, the distinction may seem irrelevant. The FBI has its hands *full in its frustrating* pursuit of radicals like the Weathermen and so-called Symbionese Liberation Army. It reckons that 13 of the 131 police officers killed across the country last year in criminal actions *were victims of* "probable guerrilla activity". Aside from this, official concern with measures to combat international terrorism is mainly directed towards protecting Americans overseas. Since 1963, there have been 48 incidents involving American officials abroad, resulting in 18 deaths. Many more incidents, predominantly in Latin America, involve American businessmen.

The American government's policy is not to pay ransom—either in cash or through the *release of prisoners* held in the United States—to foreign kidnappers under any circumstances. Negotiations with terrorists are left to the country in which the incident occurs, but the United States insists on the prosecution of terrorists and their extradition where possible.

With the publicity temptations of the United States Bicentennial celebrations and the Olympic Games in Canada coming up next year, the government is hoping that its tough approach will prove to be enough of a deterrent to would-be guerrillas.

Such hopes are founded on the virtual ending of airliner hijacks. Here, United States officials are full of praise for the Cuban leader, Dr Fidel Castro, whose policy of punishing and sometimes extraditing hijackers has, together with stricter airport security, lowered the chances of success in this kind of activity almost to nil during the past three years.

United States officials say that if more countries adopted the Cuban approach, international terrorists would face much shorter odds than *the 79 per cent chance of escaping* death or punishment given them by the Rand Corporation in a recent report prepared for the Pentagon.

But it is admitted in Washington that the outlook is "lousy" in the search for an end to "safe havens" for terrorists, or even for wider agreement on prosecuting them.

There have been advances in cooperation between like-minded governments, though this is far from being institutionalized. The main weapon is intelligence, of which the most notable successes have been the capture of Palestinian terrorists with a hand-held anti-aircraft missile near Rome Airport in early 1974, and the foiling of three car bombs in New York during a visit by Mrs Golda Meir, then Prime Minister of Israel, in 1973.

Personal information on terrorist suspects is now being computerized and exchanged. The Central Intelligence Agency kept volumes of files on Americans who had contacts with foreign subversives—and there need be no doubt of large files at the CIA on foreign terrorist suspects.

But *files have* their limitations, as was shown by the cases of Lynette Fromme and Sara Jane, both facing trial on charges of attempting to assassinate President Ford. Like all recent assassins of public figures, neither of these women *was on the* suspect list.

The FBI, the main watchdog at home, also maintains close liaison with foreign agencies. Mr Charles Bates, *the FBI man who has been* basking in publicity following the capture of Patty Hearst, was stationed in London for many years as an embassy "justice" attache. His successor maintains the kind of liaison with Scotland Yard *and the Special* Branch that the CIA has with MI6.

All the American agencies and departments involved in the campaign against terrorism are coordinated through a Cabinet committee, of which the principal arm is a working group that maintains daily contact and meets once a fortnight under the chairmanship of Mr Robert Fearey, a special assistant to Dr Kissinger ta the State Department.

The working group has no operational powers except to react in emergencies. Then it sets up task forces in the State Department operations centre to coordinate response, or to monitor actions for *other governments.* Sophisticated American communications systems of the super-secret National Security Agency are also offered to other countries less wel endowed.

Official guidelines have already been established for American embassies in order to standardize the response, and alas for anyone who departs from the basic dogma.

The United States authorities make *little effort to hide their frustration* at the lack of international toughness, and hope that more countries will follow the Cuban example, even if they have to learn the hard way.

Fred Emery

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King Hassan: building sandcastles on the road from Morocco

Bernard Levin

The King of Morocco will leave no more lasting imprint on the sands of time than on those of the Spanish Sahara

There is a generally dream-like quality about the dispute over the Spanish Sahara between King Hassan of Morocco (understandably anxious to find something irrelevant but entertaining with which his subjects may occupy their minds to the exclusion of dangerous thoughts about hanging him from a lamppost) and the men of power in Spain (no less reasonably distracted by the problem of arranging the transition from Franco's rule in a manner that will give them the greatest *chance of avoiding a similar* fate) which, apart from prompting the reflection that King Hassan's impassioned concern for his suffering brothers across the Moroccan border would be *less implausible if he had* shown rather more for those already enjoying his rule, brings vividly to mind both Bismarck's despairing contention that only three men had ever understood the Schleswig-Holstein Question, of whom one was dead, one had gone mad, and he—the third—had forgotten, and Dr Johnson's point, made when asked to pronounce a preference between two bad poets, about the difficulty of establishing a point of precedency between a louse and a flea.

King Hassan has organized a mass march of Moroccans, with himself at its head, into the territory, which has a population of roughly one person for every 1½ square miles (many of whom, it may be confidently asserted, have never heard of either Spain or Morocco); it must be what Shakespeare was thinking of in the scene between Hamlet and the Norwegian captain ("To pay five ducats, five, I would not farm it"), which provoked Hamlet to his memorable outburst:

> Witness this army of such mass and charge
> Led by a delicate and tender prince,
> Whose spirit with divine ambition puff'd
> Makes mouths at the invisible event,
> Exposing what is mortal and unsure,
> To all that fortune, death and danger dare,
> Even for an egg-shell. . . .

All the same, this has not prevented King Hassan from organising his mass demo, which is due to set off any minute now, its generally surrealist nature being perhaps best appreciated from yesterday's report that 5,000 Moroccan soldiers, who had spontaneously arrived on the border in answer to the King's call for volunteers, in spontaneously-organized lorries each of which had a spontaneously-painted picture of King Hassan on the right-hand door, had been "shouting epitaphs at Spain", information which you will not be surprised to learn has led me to speculate what form these might have taken, and even to try my hand at composing a representative sample, for instance in the demotic mode:

> Here lies Ali, a loving Dad,
> Who thought Spanish rule was very bad;
> Franco's behaviour gave him a pain;
> Mum and the kids say "Til we meet again".

Or, for those who prefer a more classical style:

> Beneath this stone rests Fatima, an unmarried lady of exemplary piety, who devoted herself single-mindedly to the boycott of Spanish sherry, and departed this life, full of years and virtue, in the knowledge that by so doing she had materially contributed to the downfall of a hated tyrant. *Ubi saeva indignatio ulterius cor lacerare nequit.*

But absurd though everything *and everybody concerned in* this nonsense undoubtedly is, and unlikely though it is that even a single inhabitant of either the Spanish Sahara or Morocco will be, whatever the *outcome of the epic struggle*, better off in any particular or to the smallest extent, it does matter. For however savage was Hamlet's scorn, and however justified ("While to my shame I see *The imminent death of* twenty thousand men, That, for a fantasy and trick of fame, Go to their graves like beds"), it must be remembered that he was wrong when he concluded, in his enlightened way, that if the territory was as unimportant and unprofitable as the Norwegian officer said, "Why, then, the Polack never will defend it", receiving when he said as much the melancholy and unanswerable reply, "Yes it is already garrisoned".

So, I am sure, unless the gathering situation in Madrid altogether precludes it, is the Spanish Sahara, and if it comes to fighting I have no doubt that the defenders will acquit themselves stoutly, and that among them will be many of the very Saharans whom the march is supposed to be liberating. And although I take it he would be a bold Moroccan who refused to join the march and gave as *his reason his inability to* believe that it would do him or anybody else any good, I am also sure that there will be thousands on it fully persuaded that they are consumed with *zeal for the ending of a burn*ing disgrace and the freeing of their soul brothers from the colonialist yoke. It is at times like this that my thoughts always return to the false Etruscan:

> Shame on the false Etruscan,
> Who lingers in his home,
> When Porsena of Clusium
> Is on the march for Rome.

You see, the trouble with the false Etruscan is that he felt every bit as ashamed of himself as Macaulay thought he should be. No matter that the attempt at the restoration of the Tarquins in general and Sextus *in particular was disgraceful* and indefensible, and that the Etruscans could have occupied themselves far more profitably by getting rid of Lars Porsena and using for the purpose of *building a few village schools* and some irrigation canals whatever part of his ill-gotten fortune had not already been transferred to a numbered bank account in Switzerland; the fact remains that the call of nationalism, however spurious, indeed however *obviously* spurious, echoes louder than the call of reason. Some who would not die for liberty will die for Liberia, others who care nothing for truth would lay down their lives for Tristan da Cunha, and I daresay there are those who care nothing for monarchy but everything for Monaco.

Throughout history, rulers have known this, and knowa how to use it. The pages of Gibbon are littered with Emperors whose first action on gaining the precarious throne was to set off on an expedition of conquest, and from that day to this their successors have realized no less that the easiest *road to power and security is* the one that lies across a neighbouring frontier. Today, it is even easier, for the order to march can be accompanied by an assurance that it is designed to unite brother with brother, mingle blood with like blood, free shackled compatriots from alien rule. Whether it is Hitler with thhe Sudetenland, Ho Chi Minh with South Vietnam, Mao with Tibet or King Hassan with the Spanish Sahara, conquest can now be called liberation, greed rescue, self-preservation self-determination. Many of those Moroccan soldiers who so improbably "shouted epitaphs at Spain" may shortly need epitaphs for themselves, with few to shout them, but it is by no means certain that they will ask themselves whether it was really worth it as they die. Some will, certainly; and it is these few in every civilization who carry the faint and flickering torch of humanity and reason down the centuries, simply by always measuring pretext against *reality and bravely* announcing tht results of their calculations. But it has generally escaped notice that even Hamlet, in the very scene I have quoted, managed to miss the point, and concluded that greatness lies in the ability to find quarrel in a straw, When honour's at the stake.

So King Hassan will get his volunteers and set off across *the frontier as a popular hero*, just as Amin increased his popularity at home, rather than decreasing it, by killing or driving out the Asians, and for that matter as Napoleon, by *getting most of the Grande* Armée unnecessarily killed, ensured the devotion of the survivors; depend upon it, if he had succeeded in escaping from St Helena, he would have lasted twice a hundred days, and if he had won thhe battle of Waterloo he would have lasted for ever. There are always, it is true, the consolations of history, and King Ozymandias of Morocco will leave no more lasting imprint on the sands of time than on those of the Spanish Sahara. But the consolations of history come slowly, and the King of Morocco sets off next week: did I mention that those soldiers of his who shouted epitaphs at Spain also shouted, even more improbably: "We will not betray the Moroccan Sahara"?

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Lebanon heads for disaster

Beirut, Oct 26

When leftist gunmen seized *and burnt down Myrtom House*, a pleasant Tyrolean-style restaurant in residential Beirut, on Saturday it was not only a loss to the foreign press corps, which had regarded its kitchen and bar with affection. More importantly, the attack further shrunk the so-called neutral area of Beirut—already only a thin strip less than a mile square—and heralded a new style of street combat.

Like the other higher rent residential areas that remained out of direct combat in the six-months-old street war in the capital, it had hitherto witnessed only the occasional bombing, the flushing out of a *sniper* from his rooftop nest and the occasional mortar and rocket round. There were no fixed barricades although the Phalangists had been gradually *establishing their* presence ready for the expected rush by both sides to carve out new slices of territory in Beirut.

Now all this has changed. No sooner had the leftists accomplished their mission against Myrtom House than the Phalangists waged a fierce counter-attack stabbing across leftist lines. The battle, with rockets, mortars and all kinds of small *arms, was nothing new to a* city forced to endure this sort of thing every night. But it emphasized that the *de facto partition which the gunmen of* both camps have managed to establish has reached the point of no return. All that remains of the state of Lebanon at this stage is the name.

Until the start of the fourth round of fighting which gave the Lebanese a taste of horrors to come, few had really taken the possibility of partition seriously in Lebanon. After all, the Lebanese had come to believe that, despite the sectarian differences in the country, there was a national feeling that would pull them through in the end. This came to be known as "the Lebanese miracle"—an ideal which few faced with such communal problems had been able to achieve. Now the only miracle recognized here is that the country, even in its present anarchy, has not wrought more destruction on itself.

*Clearly, there is great dis*appointment over the lack of real progress by the 20 man National Reconciliation and Dialogue Commission—the only remaining political structure in the country faintly worthy of the name. That such an institution is necessary was shown this weekend when Parliament made a somewhat pathetic attempt to meet to discuss the country's plight. Not only did the lack of security and in some cases sheer abdication of duty by parliamentarians prevent any debate taking place, but to underline the impotence of the state Mr Camille Chamoun, the Interior Minister, had to warn deputies in the chamber that an attack on them had been feared.

What has made the situation in the Lebannon all the more hopeless is the suicidal manner in which the protagonists on either side of the line are plunging headlong into the inevitable final collision. The Phalangists have not budged from their demand that the state must re*establish its authority* and the lawlessness be brought to an end. Until that happens, they say, there can be no fruitful discussion about the necessary constitutional and social reforms that are the crux of the leftist and Muslim case. The leftists and their Muslim supporters declare that peace can only return to the country after a programme of reforms has been drawn up.

Although many Lebanese are apt to search and too readily find the foreign hand behind the conflict that all have helped to create, the pan-Arab and international character of the Lebanese crisis must be taken into account. It is this that threatens the country as much as anything else with partition should the war in the streets go unchecked.

The Palestinians, regarded by the Christians and the right as an alien force, form a powerful army in reserve for the Muslims and the leftists. Syria has made her presence felt all *along. There are also the* Arab *radicals* and the conservatives who are prepared to fight their political battles to the last Lebanese. And in the wing there is Israel—perhaps the most decisive factor in this political cauldron.

This chaotic balance of power in such a tiny country does not help towards a settlement along rational lines. Should the *country completely disintegrate*, then all of these external forces would come into play. Clearly, it would mean an irrevocable division of Lebanon which in turn would mean the end of the state as such.

If the Phalangists and their Christian brethren were left with the tiny Mount Lebanon state attached to much of Beirut, few believe this would be a very viable *proposition*. However, the Phalangists point out that the Muslims and their Palestinian support could hope for little more. Syria would almost certainly be forced to move into the north and possibly to the west in the Bekaa Valley. This would give Israel the excuse she might hope for to crush the Syrian Army and do a bit of line drawing herself in the troublesome south of Lebanon. But the sum total for the Lebanese would be disaster —a disaster which each day seems inevitable.

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A slice of life in London

Whatever happened to lunch? It used to be a sit-down, three-course event which fuelled the working body for a long afternoon and even, on occasions, reached the status of main meal. Now, for many office workers, lunch is a mere snack or a starvation diet.

Benevolent employers try to coax their workers to eat a little sustaining food in the middle of the day by offering luncheon vouchers. The inducement is minimal: the usual office worker's luncheon voucher is *worth only 15p, which will just* about buy one sandwich, and is fixed at that level because it attracts a tax concession.

Luncheon vouchers can be had in denominations of up to 45p, but *the number of workers* who receive such a princely fringe benefit is small: most of the 500,000 recipients get the minimum.

There are other factors at work: women anxious to slim prefer not to eat a full lunch: office workers with an hour for lunch find other things to do with that precious time, and want the fastest possible meal. It all means that for many City office workers, lunch now means sandwiches.

Few people can be bothered to make and bring their own, though they would probably have a cheaper and more nutritious lunch if they did, so the main provider of the office worker's midday meal is the sandwich bar. Alan Hamilton went on a tour of such establishments in search of a reasonably satisfying and nutritious snack at low cost. He reports:

Chubbies' sandwich bar in Aldwych reassures its customers with a large notice at the front door stating: "All our sandwiches are made with bread". It is therefore ideal for diners who have been warned by their *doctors to keep off impregnated* cardboard or expanded polystyrene, and it is extremely popular with local office workers.

Bread, both brown and white, and a wide array of ingredients, are kept ready cut, so that making a sandwich to order is simply a rapid assembly job.

The brown bread was the usual mass-produced kind, but moist and fresh. One sandwich had the thinnest paring of cheese I hope to encounter, with four microscopic slices of tomato: the cheese was a bland factory Cheddar, and the single slice did not cover the bread. The other sandwich had a slice of ham so thin that it was transparent, and again was smaller than the bread. The whole snack was saved only by the coffee, which tasted commendably real.

The cheese and tomato sandwich was 15p, of which 3p was for the tomato, while the ham was 14p; coffee was 8p for a medium-sized cup. Because Chubbies is primarily a take-away shop, the seating accommodation is strictly limited, but reasonably clean.

Next: Progressive Working Class Caterers. Farringdon Road.

Solved

The Metropolitan Police have solved the mystery of telephone calls from West Germany which have been overwhelming the duty officers at Scotland Yard's press bureau for the past few *months. Calls had been coming* from all over Germany, many from people who could not speak any English.

Last week they discovered the explanation. The press bureau's direct line telephone number was printed in the German edition of *Playboy*, published last June, as part of an accurate, but satirical, imitation of a typical page from a West German business directory.

The Metropolitan Police were listed on the same page as numbers for the Queen, the Pope, President Ford and Chairman Mao and others, but the man who prepared the spoof *has now written to Scotland* Yard to tell them that of all the numbers he published, the nicest response to those who called came from the Yard. Our policemen are wonderful.

Clear as mud

Several readers have been enjoying themselves with the Clarity Index, which I wrote about last week as proving that the Diary is more easily understood than our editorials. Since the index is calculated from the average length of sentences and the proportion of words with more than three syllables, my colleague Bernard Levin was an obvious target.

Three readers attempted to calculate what reading age would be required to understand his piece in last Tuesday's paper, when the original note about the index appeared. Unfortunately they got three different answers.

All three correctly denied Levin the benefit of an extract from G. K. Chesterton which he quoted, and in which the sentences were comparatively brief. Bill Widdis found that 22.41 years of formal education would be needed to pick one's way *through Levin's own poly*syllables and parentheses. Patrick Lewin reckoned that you would have to stay at school until the age of 27½ to comprehend him, and David Nokes thought that Levin could only be satisfactorily understood by people who had studied for 28 years, or to the age of 33.

On the other hand, a student from the University of Salford casts doubt on the validity of the whole exercise. He says that he is 20, and he applied the formula to an essay he had written himself. He came to the startling conclusion that he would have to be 188.9 years old to understand it.

Cheap rate

A reader takes Marc to task for his recent cartoon which suggested: "Someone somewhere is saving to write to you . . .". It is, he says, still cheaper to send a letter now than it was before the war.

Before the war a farm worker could buy five and a half 1½d postage stamps with his money for an hour's work. Now, on the basic rate, he can buy nine 8½p stamps with his hourly wage, so he can write more letters.

For soldiers the postal services are even cheaper. The lowest paid private could now send 376 first-class letters with one week's pay, he says. When the reader was a private in Egypt before the war he could never have sent more than 67 letters home by surface mail, even if he had spent all his 14 shillings a week on stamps.



Scarce

There is grave news about tinned carrots. You cannot get them.

Leslie Jerman of Theydon Bois reports that tinned carrots cannot be had for love or money in East Dereham or Norwich, both close to the carrot-growing centre of the British Isles. Nor, he reports, are there any in metropolitan Epping, or even in several major London supermarkets. Attempts to buy tinned carrots at the Army and Navy Stores in Victoria Street yielded only a 14 ounce tin from Belgium costing "nearly five shillings a can".

Many retailers say they have not been able to get tinned carrots for the past two months.

The reason is the long, hot summer. The carrot crop was three months late this year. By the end of next month canned carrots should be in the shops again, ending a shortage we did not even suffer in wartime.

Promotion

When is a brigadier-general *not a brigadier-general? When* he is Colonel Peter Thwaites, given his non-existent promotion by Charles Ross Productions, busily publicizing the colonel's achievement in writing a West End play *Roger's Last Stand*, which opens with Leslie Phillips and Roy Kinnear at the Duke of York's next month.

Thwaites will certainly be a brigadier when he takes command next February of Abu Dhabi's land forces (note to PR company: not Abu Dubai). They are right about one thing, though: "It is not often that a serving officer has a play on in the West End." Stand easy, chaps, you got some of it right.

A leaflet put round by South Oxfordshire District Council illustrates some questions about rubbish disposal which local householders might want answered: "I have a large dead dog to dispose of. Will the Council come and remove it quickly? My deep freeze has broken down and I want to get rid of the contents quickly. Will the Council come as a matter of urgency?"

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HE CITY STILL NEEDS RISK-TAKERS

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The City, however, requires a steady injection of men with ambition and a disregard for established ways of doing things. There is a real danger that Mr Slater's fall, combined with the general experience of the effects of the present prolonged recession and bear market, will lead to an even more prolonged period when it will be difficult or impossible for such men to make any headway.

The Slater, Walker problems are not of the sort that overtook the secondary banks in the City. For the most part those were the result of the throwing away of common banking prudence, in a period of excessively lax monetary policy, with inadequate supervision by the authorities.

Mr Slater's problems were of a different kind, partly personal, partly organizational. The combined results of these recent events, however, have been to push the centre of City gravity into the hands of the largest and the oldest established. It is a source of satisfaction, and a reason for gratitude, that the Bank of England and the major joint stock banks have acted to ensure that there has been no general crisis of confidence in London as a financial centre, despite events of a magnitude that might otherwise have been expected to do serious long-term damage to the City.

It is also true that the clearing banks themselves, partly because of the events of the 1960s and the activities of people like Mr Slater, have been taking a more flexible and imaginative view of their role in the financial system. London, however, totally dominated by the methods, standards and requirements that are appropriate for such banks would quickly lose its deserved reputation as the most modern and forward looking financial centre of the world. It is important that the wrong lessons are not drawn from Mr Slater's fall.

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So with the Soviet alliance and the October War. The war was necessary in order to jolt the Americans out of their complacency about the Middle East and to force them to become actively involved in the search for a settlement of the conflict. The Soviet alliance was indispensable if the war were to be fought effectively. Consequently Mr Sadat, probably against his personal inclinations, went further into that alliance than even his predecessor had done, and Egypt became the first non-communist state to sign a Treaty of Friendship with the Soviet Union.

In October 1973 the limit of what could be achieved by the Arabs on the battlefield with Soviet assistance, at any rate in the present phase, was reached. But the war and the oil embargo which accompanied it succeeded in convincing the Americans that uncritical support for Israel was no longer compatible with the maintenance of their influence in Saudi Arabia and the Gulf, and thus with the security of their oil supplies. The time was thus ripe for the Arabs to see what could be achieved by negotiation with American help. Mr Sadat embarked on this course wholeheartedly, realizing that only if he won the Americans' complete confidence could he realize their full potential as a lever on Israel.

President Nixon and President Ford, both guided by Dr Kissinger, have seized the opportunity thus offered, and in so doing have been able to inflict a major tactical defeat on the Soviet Union. While Congress may have its doubts, the Administration has taken Mr Sadat to its heart more than any other foreign leader. Egyptian-American relations have taken on a warmth which was hardly imaginable two years ago, and of that relationship the special welcome now accorded to Mr Sadat is a fitting symbol.

The visit also has its practical importance. Mr Sadat's position as leader of a desperately impoverished country and of an increasingly unruly Arab alliance does not permit him to rest on his laurels. He has to keep squeezing results out of his strategy until there is nothing more to be had, and then replace it quickly with something else. He will therefore use his visit to convince the Americans that what they have given him so far is only a down payment, and that further payments cannot be too long delayed. He is asking for these payments in the form of economic aid, of arms sales and above all of further Israeli concessions, which this time must placate his Syrian and Palestinian allies.

The Administration cannot even begin to deliver any of these things without the support of Congress, and Mr Sadat is therefore likely to concentrate especially on making an impression on Congress and on American public opinion. If he speaks his lines with his usual blunt charm, economic aid should not present any great problem. Arms sales are much more delicate, and it seems to be generally assumed that the Administration will not risk any definite move on that front until President Ford is safely re-elected. But Israeli concessions, which are the most crucial element for Mr Sadat's strategy, are the most problematic one of all for the United States. It is on their availability that the future of the new-found special relationship depends.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Devolution: the unity of Britain

From Mrs Winifred Ewing, Scottish Nationalist MP for Moray and Nairn

Sir, Not long after I was elected to Parliament eight years ago I remember a conversation I had with Sir Alec Douglas-Home (as he then was). "Winnie", he said, "I am a Scottish Nationalist in my heart but not in my head." Those were the days when Government after Government dinned into the Scots that they were too poor, too small and altogether too incapable of managing their own affairs. Many Scots actually did believe they had to proffer a tartan begging-bowl to keep our country going. Now of course the situation is transformed with Scottish oil.

At the last election a third of our votes came out in favour of an independent Scotland dreeing its own weird and standing on its own feet. Recent surveys in the Glasgow region have indicated ever-growing support for my party. We are far too long in the tooth to take survey results as Gospel but they do seem to indicate considerable support for my party where previously it was very much an "also-ran", eg Glasgow Hillhead. We have already had a Constitutional Committee under Sir Alec Douglas-Home and we have already had a Royal Commission under Lord Crowther and later Lord Kilbrandon.

Charles Douglas-Home (*The Times*, October 23) suggests yet another stalling device, namely "a convention or some other consultative machinery to talk it through." There is a time when the talking has to stop and the voting has to start. This time must be close now. The Labour Government committed itself in its election manifestos in 1974 to a Scottish Parliament or Assembly. If the Labour Party intends now with the connivance of the Conservatives to renege on its promises, then let both of them face the consequences.

Yours for Scotland,
WINIFRED EWING,
House of Commons.

From Dr James Whetter

Sir, In the circles in which I move these islands are considered to be occupied not by four nations (*The Times* leader, October 23) but by six, the Scottish, Irish, Manx, Welsh, Cornish and English. Believing that the most important factor in the progress of a people is how they regard themselves, I think it is of significance that, in a recent opinion poll which our party conducted, 65 per cent of those interviewed considered Cornwall to be "a Celtic nation".

Geographical size has little to do with national status and I applaud the resolution passed by the conference of the Federal Union of European Nationalities at Copenhagen in September and sent to the Council of Europe and the EEC—"The ethnic groups and minorities of Europe have played an important role in the history of the continent and will continue to play such a role. The Council of Europe is requested to base its regional plans on the territories of ethnic groups and minorities and not on size of population or on areas of common economic interest".

The fact is your leader ignored two dimensions which look like being of increasing importance in the government of the peoples of these islands. For the first time the six Celtic lands, Scotland, Ireland, Isle of Man, Wales, Cornwall, and Brittany, are included within one political system. The movement is growing that the affinities the six lands feel should have expression in some form of Celtic Federation. The second dimension your leader ignores is the European structure itself, the European Economic Community. Inevitably this will be of increasing importance for the peoples and national groups who now form part of it.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES WHETTER, Chairman,
Cornish Nationalist Party,
Trelispen, Gorran,
St Austell, Kernow.

From Mr Ioan Bowen Rees

Sir, Mr Douglas-Home suggests that certain members of the Cabinet are hostile to devolution "not least because it fosters and responds to a narrow form of nationalism when they are all internationalists at heart". Is it not likely, however, that much of the opposition to devolution stems, not from the narrowness of devolutionists and nationalists but from their very internationalism, an internationalism that makes them less narrowly "British" than those who consider that all Welsh and Scottish links with the world should run through London.

I recently had the privilege of attending at Galway the First Convention of the Authorities of European Peripheral Regions, organized by the Council of Europe. Sixty regions and small nations were represented, from Scotland to Sicily, from Languedoc to Schleswig-Holstein. No gathering could have been more European — or more devolutionist.

The convention not only called upon the EEC to produce regional policies capable of redressing the imbalance between centre and periphery but declared that "truly autonomous regional authorities administered by elected representatives" must be established to implement such policies. The Convention also called for a second chamber to the European Parliament, an assembly of regions, and for "the necessary measures for the protection and revitalization of the languages and cultures" of the periphery. Even more significantly, it appealed to the French Government for a radical change in its policy towards the Breton language, besides which the British policy towards the Welsh language is by now positively sensitive.

It is a condition precedent of the preservation of small nations and distinctive regions that they should cooperate and that the boundaries between them should be low. Welsh devolutionists and nationalists of every degree and political colour appear to appreciate this. Almost by definition, their concern for Wales is less narrow than the concern of their opponents for a centralist United Kingdom.

Yours faithfully,
IOAN BOWEN REES,
Talsarn,
Llanllechid,
Bangor,
Gwynedd.

From Dr Roy Gregory

Sir, It would be madness, you suggest ("The unity of Britain," October 25), to allow the United Kingdom to break up as a result of an assembly election in Scotland in which 62 per cent voted to stay in, 38 per cent voted to go out, and our electoral system gave the 38 per cent more than half the seats.

What arithmetic of this kind demonstrates is the absurdity of drawing conclusions from multi-issue elections about the views of the electorate on any one constitutional issue, however important. Still less does the outcome of such an election, in terms either of seats or votes cast, legitimize any major decision, if legitimacy is thought to require the approval of a majority of the voters for what is decided.

Who knows what proportion of the 62 per cent voting for Labour, Liberal and Conservative candidates in Scottish assembly elections would do so out of inertia or ingrained loyalty whilst being against the union of England and Scotland? Who knows, for that matter, whether everyone voting for the SNP would necessarily be for the removal of Scotland from the Union? As you yourself point out, with elections to a Scottish assembly taking place between elections to the United Kingdom Parliament, the chances are that the SNP would pick up a good deal of support from voters simply dissatisfied with the government of the day.

Since a referendum has been used in relation to the constitutional status of Northern Ireland and in connection with United Kingdom membership of the EEC, nothing less could now properly form the basis of any decision about the future relationship of Scotland to the rest of the kingdom. Whether the separation of Scotland would also require majorities for it in England, Wales and Northern Ireland is another question.

Yours faithfully,
ROY GREGORY,
Department of Politics,
University of Reading,
Whiteknights, Reading,

Reasons for growth in civil service

From Sir Robin Hooper

Sir, Mr George Hutchinson, in his article of October 25, says that there are too many civil servants. I agree. I also agree that the Civil Service could probably do the same amount of work on fewer people—as indeed could practically any enterprise you care to name in this chronically overmanned country.

But a political commentator of Mr Hutchinson's eminence should not need reminding that the real reason why there are too many civil servants is that there is too much government; and that the reason why there is too much government is that for three generations politicians of all parties have been commending themselves to the electorate with schemes which require large numbers of officials to administer them—a fact which comes to light only when the bills come in and the promised free goodies turn out not to be so free as they seemed.

To blame the Civil Service for doing its job of enabling its political masters to carry out the policies on which they have been elected is merely absurd. But to couple this with a personal attack based, it seems, on evidence which, to say the least of it, appears to need further examination, on three able and devoted public servants is to add viciousness to absurdity. Lord Armstrong, Lord Trend and Sir John Hunt need no defence from me or from any other of their friends. But I doubt whether I am alone in regretting that you should have published an article which falls so far short of the standards which were once expected of *The Times*.

Yours faithfully,
ROBIN HOOPER,
Brook House, Egerton,
Ashford,
Kent.
October 25.

From Mr O. F. Brown

Sir, As a former Assistant Secretary in the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) who retired over 25 years ago, I was much interested in the article on our swollen bureaucracy by George Hutchinson in your issue of October 25. DSIR was formed as the last act of the Asquith Government by two professors of English and an inspector of schools who escaped from the Board of Education. One, Sir Frank Heath, became the first Permanent Secretary. Subsequent secretaries were Sir Henry Tizard, Sir Frank Smith and Sir Edward Appleton.

As far as I remember up to the war the estimates never exceeded one million pounds. That paid for the National Physical Laboratory and the major research stations, the support of 20 to 30 industrial research associations and the headquarters of the department. As regards results, for example, the Radio Research Station under Sir Robert Watson Watt laid the foundations of radar, the Fuel Research Station conducted a survey of the country's coal resources and developed methods of producing smokeless fuel and oil from coal, while the Food Investigation Laboratory was responsible for the gas storage of fruit, quick frozen fish, and dehydrated foods.

The headquarters office had a staff of roughly 50 including three assistant secretaries who looked after the advisory council and its post graduate research grants and the various research boards. In my case, in addition to work with the Radio Research Board, I prepared and presented to the Treasury the details of the department's estimates and was responsible for the publicity of the department. The press appeared satisfied and I was asked to accept honorary membership of the Press Club and the Institute of Journalists. It would be interesting to know how many civil servants in the departments which swallowed DSIR it now takes to produce similar results.

Yours faithfully,
O. F. BROWN,
The Athenaeum, S.W.1,
October 25.

From Mr W. H. Baldwin

Sir, To suggest, as George Hutchinson does in your columns (October 25), that the crisis facing the country is attributable in some measure to a swollen bureaucracy at both national and local level, and that local government's present financial problems result directly from reorganization, with its alleged attendant increase in staff numbers and salaries, is surely the ultimate in absurdity. Mr Hutchinson, in joining the bandwagon of those seeking to establish local government in particular as the scapegoat for many of the country's financial problems, falls into the trap, like so many others, of making sweeping generalizations unsupported by hard facts.

The facts taken over the country as a whole would suggest that the excesses of local government reorganization (where they exist) have had a minimal effect on total expenditure and staffing numbers. In some quarters it seems to have been overlooked that reorganization took place at a time of rapid inflation and government cuts in public expenditure, without any reduction in the number of new or improved services which local government is being asked to administer.

Perhaps Mr Hutchinson in any subsequent article might be good enough to reveal the basis of his contention that "many public servants are underworked and overpaid compared to those who prefer to make their own way in the world instead of relying on the state . . . to support them". At the same time Mr Hutchinson might also care to enlighten us as to why he considers that those who happen to sell their services to a public enterprise are being supported by the state, and are in some way failing to make their way in the world, as compared to those selling their services to a privately owned enterprise.

Yours faithfully,
W. H. BALDWIN,
6 Greenwood Close,
Aughton,
Ormskirk,
Lancashire.
October 26.

From Mrs G. H. Ashby

Sir, On a recent visit to Canada I read a syndicated article on the strangulating growth of bureaucracy. It contained an idea which might appeal to Mr George Hutchinson. This was to deprive all government employees, yes, *all*, of the vote.

Though it is unlikely to find favour in the corridors of power, there is no harm in the rest of the electorate contemplating the charm of this constructive suggestion.

Yours faithfully,
DIANA ASHBY,
Starswood,
Hudnall Common,
Near Berkhamsted,
Hertfordshire.

Eye-tests on kittens

From Professor H. B. Barlow, FRS

Sir, The feelings of those who have been upset by reading of experiments involving surgery on the eyes of kittens deserve respect, but they and your other readers should be aware of the reasons for doing such research and the benefits to humans that result from it.

Many people suffer a condition called amblyopia in which they are unaccountably blind in one eye, and the probable cause of this condition has recently been shown by the following type of experiment. The eye of a kitten is surgically closed or caused to squint, then after the lapse of a few days the nerve cells in the receiving area of the brain are tested. It is found that the nerve pathway from a closed eye fails to maintain its proper connexions, and as a result the kitten becomes permanently blind in that eye. By varying details of the experiment extensive knowledge has been gained about the exact conditions required for maintaining the connexions, and this knowledge is important in treating amblyopia in humans, or reducing the danger of its occurrence.

The original experiments were done in Boston, Mass, but the value of their continuation by Dr Blakemore may be judged by the fact that, on the very day you published letters of protest from Jean Fuller and D. S. Hayes (October 24) he was receiving an award from the Swiss academy of Medical Science for his physiological research on this problem.

The changes that occur in the kitten's visual system are also of much wider importance, for they demonstrate most clearly that the developing brain goes through stages when deprivation of a specific range of experience can cause irreversible loss of function. Such permanent injury must be of great interest to those concerned with wider aspects of the functions of the brain, including human intellectual and emotional development. Knowledge of the types of deprivation that cause damage, the ages at which it can occur, and the physiological basis for the changes, is likely to prove immensely important and may make it possible to prevent such injuries.

It is reasonable to question the necessity and propriety of animal experiments which seem cruel, but those who do so have an obligation to find out the reason for the experiments, and they should not wantonly impugn the motives of those who do them.

Yours, etc,
HORACE B. BARLOW,
Royal Society Research
Professor of Physiology,
Physiological Laboratory,
Cambridge.
October 24.

Famous epileptics

From Mr Louis FitzGibbon

Sir, I would like at once to thank you for publishing a series of letters about epilepsy (October 22 and 24), not so much in that a debate on famous names is of interest, but in thus giving the whole subject, a most welcome ventilation. Of especial interest is the letter from Sir Peter Tennant (October 24) in which he correctly underlines the extra burden which ignorance and prejudice place upon the shoulders of anyone who suffers from epilepsy, and which still cause many to hide this disability.

A large part of the time and energy of the British Epilepsy Association is devoted to combating misunderstanding and ostracism which, even after the centuries, is only marginally less in volume and, sadly, in effect. It is no easy struggle especially at a time when funds are ever more difficult to obtain.

Yours truly,
LOUIS FITZGIBBON, Director,
British Epilepsy Association,
3-6 Alfred Place, WC1.

Publishing poetry

From Mr T. G. Rosenthal

Sir, May I please clarify a possible ambiguity in Ion Trewin's admirable article (October 25) about our poetry publishing activities? Mr Trewin writes that I have "abandoned publishing foreign *work*" (my italics). What I said was that our slender resources for the subsidising and the publication of poetry can be allocated only to our native *poets*.

This year alone we have published novels and short stories by, among others, the Nobel prize winners Heinrich Böll and Yasunari Kawabata, Alberto Moravia, Stanislaw Lem, Italo Calvino, and hope to have an equally distinguished group of foreign writers in our list next year and in those to follow.

Yours faithfully,
T. G. ROSENTHAL,
Managing Director, Secker & Warburg Ltd,
14 Carlisle Street,
Soho Square, W1.

From Mr A. Armstrong

Sir, Ion Trewin's article about poetry draws me to the conclusion that it is not the little presses which need the subsidy, but the marketing of their products. If the Arts Council subsidized a poetry marketing agency, that might make a big difference to the little presses.

Yours,
A. ARMSTRONG,
4a Harpsfield Broadway,
Hatfield.

ve new world

Ir J. A. Fletcher

rd Rothschild (October 24) ates the extraordinary n in the year 3700. The ion explosion is to be attri- ess to the high birth rate the low death rate. The tion of life in the world has in the past 50 years. By t only will the weight of human beings on earth equal ght of the earth, but (by a extrapolation) they will all expectation of life of six- usand million years.

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r Clive Bingley

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rriage of justice

r Michael Eddowes

your issue of October 13, nder the heading "A dis- miscarriage of justice" cond editorial refers to the g of convictions of three f murder, manslaughter and four leader says . . . "It is nt that any such investiga- uld be carried out by some- o has had no working or elationship with any of the connected with the case. Both Mr Roy Jenkins and Sir Robert Mark have shown themselves conscious of the need to ensure that such inquiries are seen to be impartial. It is essential that this be made effective in this case. . . . An independent element during police interrogation is needed. . . . The best way of eliminating or at least greatly reducing such conflicts of evidence is to record on tape what is said during interrogation. The Home Secretary should urgently consider introducing such a system."

In September, 1955, I published a book *The Man on your Conscience* about the Evans/Christie case in which I sought to show that in 1949-50 Evans had been wrongfully convicted and hanged for the murder of his child for which in 1966 he was posthumously pardoned. My investigation had revealed disquieting matters and on September 7, 1955, you published a letter from me in which I stated that ". . . as a result of my consideration of murder trials I believe that there are certain desirable alterations in the administration of the law that would almost, in my view, prevent a miscarriage of justice" such as I believed had occurred in the Evans case. The first of the five suggestions which I then made was that, "When a murder suspect is taken to a police station an independent person, drawn from a rota panel, should be present to observe what takes place. This would protect both the police and the suspect".

While I agree that "An independent element during police interrogation is needed", I am far from satisfied that a tape recorder supplies the missing element since the timing of its use can be discretionary. May I re-submit that the necessary impartiality can be assured only by the presence at police interrogations of an independent person chosen from a rota panel of competent persons.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL EDDOWES,
22 Yeoman's Row,
Brompton Road, SW3.
October 21.

Gibraltar integration

From Mr Maurice Xiberras

Sir, Your report of the Gibraltar Opposition Party's one month boycott of the House of Assembly (October 15) gave the impression that this was in protest against Mr Roy Hattersley's denial of integration for the people of Gibraltar, during his recent familiarization visit. The incident has been the subject of correspondence between the Governor of Gibraltar, Sir John Grandy, and myself and from it several points have emerged which set Mr Hattersley's statement in its true perspective.

1. The Governor's record of Mr Hattersley's press conference indicates that Mr Hattersley was expressing a personal view.

2. The transcript of Mr Hattersley's interview on Gibraltar television shows clearly that he was ruling out "complete integration" with Britain—those being the words he used.

3. The Integration With Britain Party has made clear in various public statements that its proposals to the Constitution Committee were not based on complete integration, if this is to be defined by representation at Westminster, because of the recognized difficulties that would be involved in gaining acceptance of this concept not only in the United Kingdom but also in Gibraltar, where almost total support would be necessary before it would stand a chance in London.

4. The Integration With Britain Party made proposals to the Gibraltar Constitution Committee, formed between the Government and Opposition, well before Mr Hattersley's visit and is encouraged to believe that corporate views, which Mr Hattersley said during his visit he was prepared to give consideration to, can emerge from these discussions and command the support of Gibraltar as a whole.

It will be clear from the above that our protest in the House of Assembly was directed at the general impropriety of a Minister of Her Majesty's Government making the kind of general pronouncement, which the undiscriminating in Gibraltar might take to be a general condemnation of our party, and quite gratuitously at that, because Mr Hattersley was aware from our talks with him that our constitutional proposals did not involve complete integration. Our protest was directed at Mr Hattersley's interference with local party politics in a pre-election period.

Yours faithfully,
MAURICE XIBERRAS, Leader of the Opposition and Leader of the Integration With Britain Party,
House of Assembly,
Gibraltar.
October 17.

Israel and Lebanon

From the Israeli Ambassador

Sir, Your editorial of October 27 tries to interpret the underlying reasons for the tragic events in Lebanon, which are shaking that unhappy land to its very foundations. It is not my purpose in this letter to dispute some of the basic misconceptions and erroneous perspectives of your leader.

Unfortunately this is not the first time that the people of Lebanon have suffered from internecine strife and foreign Arab intervention. The struggle waged by Syria against the sovereignty of Lebanon since its very inception is a matter of common knowledge. Nasser's massive attempt to subvert Lebanon's independence in 1958 should still be a matter of recent memory. It is recorded in the statements by the Lebanese representatives before the Security Council. It culminated in an American rescue operation mounted at the behest of the then Lebanese President Chamoun.

The appeasement policy practised by the Lebanese Government in regard to the Palestinian terrorist organizations has not only provided them with bases of operation for their most heinous crimes against Israeli school children in Maalot and families in Kiryat Shemona, but helped create an armed state within a state whose leaders now seek to dictate by force Lebanon's fate.

There is, of course, always room for different evaluations of the underlying causes for the tragic turmoil in Lebanon. I belive, however, that from Israel's vantage point as close neighbour, we have a rather fair and factual view of the unfolding events. Be that as it may, one of the fundamental tenets of Israel's foreign policy has always been the preservation of Lebanon's undisturbed independence and territorial integrity, a policy facilitated by the fact that there is no territorial dispute between our two countries.

But all these are marginal reflections compared with the monumental sneer with which your editorial works itself up to the climax of abject abuse of my people. Sir, the Israelis are not: "almost dying of laughter" in watching the Lebanese tragedy. We are grieved by the loss of human life wherever it occurs and see no cause for rejoicing in the agonies through which the people of Lebanon are passing. On the contrary, we are saddened at the indifference displayed by Lebanon's friends. We have tasted that bitter cup of silence ourselves in our darkest hours.

When our people were dying in their millions to the hollow laughter of our tormentors, the outside world was deaf at the sound of horror. No, Sir, Israelis are not dying of laughter. They have been dying, men, women and children, at the hands of the same murderers causing the present untold suffering to the tormented Lebanese people. But what apparently is dying is common decency, as so grievously revealed in the insidious affront of your editorial—and that is certainly no cause for laughter.

Yours faithfully,
GIDEON RAFAEL,
Ambassador of Israel,
2 Palace Green, W8.
October 27.

Do-it-yourself

From Mr Harry Graham

Sir, It was Lord Finchley who tried to mend the electric light. Your correspondent, E. H. Bateman (October 25), was right only up to a point.

Yours faithfully,
HARRY GRAHAM,
Westcombe Stables,
Evercreech,
Shepton Mallett,
Somerset.

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BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 27: The Duke of Edinburgh, as President of the National Playing Fields Association and Coach of the Goaldiggers, this evening attended a charity football match between Chelsea and the Italian under 23 National Side in aid of the Association, at Stamford Bridge.
Lord Rupert Nevill was in attendance.

Birthdays today

Air Chief Marshal Sir Harry Broadhurst, 70; Sir Frederick Delve, 73; Lord Fraser of Kilmorack, 60; Sir Harald Peake, 76; Brigadier Sir Otho Prior-Palmer, 78; Mr William Rodgers, MP, 47; Lord St Helens, 63; Sir Folliott Sandford, 69.

Today's engagements

Exhibition of Ruskin pottery, Victoria and Albert Museum, South Kensington, 10-5.30.
Exhibition: 300 Years of Astronomy, National Maritime Museum, Greenwich, 10-6.
British Theatre Museum, Leighton House, 12 Holland Park Road, 11-5.
Lunchtime music by Royal College of Music Chamber Orchestra, Bishopsgate Hall, 230 Bishopsgate, City, 1.05-1.50.
Lunchtime talk: The faith and the parish, Rev C. Bryan, St Margaret Pattens, Eastcheap, City, 1.10.

Thanksgiving service

Mr Justice Ashworth
The Lord Chancellor was represented by Sir Dennis Dobson, QC, at a service of thanksgiving for the life of Sir John Ashworth, which was held on Saturday in Lichfield Cathedral. The service was conducted by the Dean of Lichfield, assisted by the Rev J. E. H. Powell. The Bishop of Lichfield pronounced the blessing and Lord Widgery, Lord Chief Justice, gave an address. The Vice-Lieutenant for Staffordshire, Colonel C. G. M. Boote, attended, and among others present were: Mr Justice Mais, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Lady Davies, Mr Justice May, Mr Justice Stephen Brown, Judge Rose, Judge Perrett, Judge Allardice, Judge Bush, Judge Garrard, Judge Prestt, Mr Roger Parker, QC (representing Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone and the benchers of Lincoln's Inn), Commander R. S. Flynn (representing the Treasurer and benchers of the Inner Temple), Mr J. T. A. Smith (representing the President and Council of the Law Society), Mr David McNeill, QC, Mr John Field-Evans, QC, Mr F. P. Neill, QC, Mr John Owen, QC, Mr Peter M. Baker, QC, Mr Cox, QC, Mr Gordon Slynn, QC, Mr Charles McCullough, QC, Mr Richard Tucker, QC, Mr Allen Booth, QC, Mr I. H. Morris-Jones, QC, Mr B. J. Appleby, QC, Lady Lewis, the chairman of the Lichfield Rural District Council, Presidents of the Stafford and Birmingham Law Societies, Mr A. W. Driscoll (representing the Home Office Prisons Department), the Under Sheriffs of Stafford and Derbyshire and representatives of magistrates, local authorities and other organizations in the county of Stafford and the diocese of Lichfield.

Latest wills

Pilkington director leaves £736,487

Lord Cozens-Hardy, former director of Pilkington Brothers, left £736,487 net (duty not disclosed). He left his property to relatives.
Other estates include (net, before duty paid; duty on some estates not disclosed):
Smith, Mr Albert Edward, of Caldy £285,060
Steele, General Sir James Stuart, of Blandford Forum, Adjutant-General to the Forces, 1947-50 £44,369
Verber, Mr Gerald, of Manchester, intestate £111,737

Luncheons

Royal Over-Seas League
The Lord Mayor and the Lady Mayoress of Westminster were entertained at luncheon yesterday at Over-Seas House by the Chairman of the Royal Over-Seas League, Marshal of the RAF Lord Elworthy, and members of the central council.

British Sportsman's Club
The British Sportsman's Club entertained the Australian Rugby Union Football Team at luncheon at the Savoy Hotel yesterday on the occasion of their fiftieth anniversary. Mr Edward Heath, MP, chairman of the club, was in the chair and proposed the toast to the guests. Mr Ross Turnbull, Australian manager, replied.

Vintry and Dowgate Wards Club
The Vintry and Dowgate Wards Club held their annual luncheon at Skinners' Hall yesterday. Mr Niels W. White, chairman, presided and proposed the civic toast, to which the Lord Mayor responded. Mr Kjeld Willumsen and Alderman Christopher Leaver also spoke.

Dinners

Polytechnic of Central London
The annual dinner of the Polytechnic of Central London was held last evening at the Café Royal. Sir William Mather, who was accompanied by Lady Mather, was the chief guest and Mr F. Walter Oakley, chairman of the court of governors, presided. Among those present were Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, Sir John and Lady Chadwick, and Sir Ashley and Lady Bramall.

Science Research Council
Sir Sam Edwards, Chairman of the Science Research Council, was host at a dinner at Caius College, Cambridge, last night in honour of Sir Hugh Ennor, Secretary of the Australian Department of Science and Consumer Affairs. Others present included: Professor A. Hewish, Professor R. W. K. Honeycombe, Sir James Lighthill, Mr M. O. Robins, Mr A. Thompson, Dr D. S. Whitehead, Dr J. P. Wild and Mr A. J. Wilson.

Shipwrights' Company
The Shipwrights' Company held their annual dinner at the Mansion House last night, by permission of the Lord Mayor, who attended with the Lady Mayoress and the Sheriffs and their ladies. Sir Alfred Sims, Prime Warden, was in the chair, and the other speakers were the Lord Mayor, Mr Frederick A. J. B. Everard, Fourth Warden, and Lord Carrington.

Loriners' Company
At the autumn court meeting of the Loriners' Company held yesterday at Innholders' Hall Mr Raymond M. Burton was elected Master for 1976, Mr David A. Walker-Arnott Warden, and Mr James W. White Under Warden. Afterwards a court dinner was held at Innholders' Hall, at which the Master, Mr Reginald E. Tougue, presided and Mr T. R. Davies also spoke.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr E. A. Goschen and Miss L. A. Chance
The engagement is announced between Edward Alexander, son of Sir Edward and Lady Goschen, of Jesmond Hill, Pangbourne, Berkshire, and Louise Annette, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel R. F. L. Chance, MC, and Lady Ava Chance, of Lower Moor Farm, Charlton, Malmesbury, Wiltshire.

Mr M. J. Pumphrey and Miss P. M. C. Irving
The engagement is announced between Matthew, son of Sir Laurence and Lady Pumphrey, of Islamabad, Pakistan, and Pamela, daughter of Mr and Mrs J. W. Irving, Lochrutton, Dumfries.

Mr J. M. Anderson and Miss S. L. Burns
The engagement is announced between James Milne, elder son of Mrs A. Anderson and the late Mr J. B. Anderson, of Falkirk, and Sherry Lynn, only daughter of Mr and Mrs D. L. Burns, of Cincinnati, Ohio.

Dr G. W. W. Barker and Miss S. M. Buchanan
The engagement is announced between Graeme Barker, only son of Mr and Mrs R. W. Barker, of Lancing, Sussex, and Miranda Buchanan, only daughter of Mr W. M. Buchanan and the late Mrs Buchanan, of Histon, Cambridgeshire.

Mr T. F. Bell and Mlle B.-A. de Willermin
The engagement is announced between Timothy Francis, youngest son of Dr and Mrs G. Bell, of Bridport, Dorset, and Béatrice-Anne, daughter of Baron and Baronne de Willermin, of Souvignargues, 30, France.

Mr M. Flockhart and Miss Barber-Lomax
The engagement is announced between Michael, son of Mr and Mrs Flockhart, of Kirkcaldy, Fife, and Ruth, only daughter of Mr and Mrs Barber-Lomax, of Turton, near Bolton.

Mr D. D. Freer-Smith and Miss A. M. Bucknall
The engagement is announced between David Denman, elder son of Major and Mrs J. D. Freer-Smith, of Sandhurst, Kent, and Angela Mary, daughter of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs R. Bucknall, of Rotherfield, Sussex.

Mr M. R. Hargroves and Miss S. M. Bradnum
The engagement is announced between Mervyn Richard, elder son of Mr and Mrs R. Hargroves, of Birch Close, Tortington, Arundel, Sussex, and Sheila Mary, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs F. M. Bradnum, of Cranford, Westfield, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Mr P. L. A. Jamieson and Miss A. J. Grant
The engagement is announced between Peter, son of Mr and Mrs Lindsay Auldjo Jamieson, of 73 Ravelston Dykes Road, Edinburgh, and Alexandra, daughter of Mr and Mrs Alexander Grant, of Marbury Hall, Whitchurch, Shropshire.

Mr N. R. Kempton and Miss V. A. Kinsey
The engagement is announced between Neville Robert Kempton, younger son of the late Thomas W. Kempton and Mrs Z. J. Kempton, of Stackley House, Great Glen, Leicestershire, and Vivien Ann Kinsey, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs E. A. Kinsey, of Thurnview Road, Leicester.

Dr R. H. McNeilly and Dr P. J. Q. Watson
The engagement is announced between Robert Henry, son of Mr and Mrs M. K. McNeilly, of Ballymena, co Antrim, and Jane, daughter of Wing Commander and Mrs D. Q. Watson, of The Corner, Thursley, Surrey.

Mr A. J. J. Saunderson and Miss D. H. P. King
The engagement is announced between Andrew, son of Mr and Mrs J. H. J. Saunderson, of The Wickey Farm, Little Staughton, Bedfordshire, and Diana, elder daughter of Dr and Mrs R. G. P. King, of Lowlands, Great Barford, Bedfordshire.

Detailed talks on Commons broadcasting

By Kenneth Gosling

Detailed discussions are taking place this week to determine the final form permanent broadcasting of the proceedings of the House of Commons will take. The Broadcasting Subcommittee of the Commons is meeting BBC representatives today and the Independent Broadcasting Authority on Thursday.

The committee is studying evidence from the four-week broadcasting experiment in June and the Government's agreement in principle to permanent broadcasting in August. It is understood that the Lords has also expressed enthusiasm for its proceedings to be included.

A debate and a vote in the Commons are expected before Christmas. They will be followed by close examination of the practical aspects of parliamentary broadcasting which would involve the broadcasters and a joint committee of the Commons and Lords.

Mr Peter Hardiman Scott, chief assistant to the Director-General of the BBC, who took charge of the four-week experiment, told me yesterday that this week's questions are expected to be primarily about costs and accommodation.

On costs he said: "The BBC has always made the position quite clear: that the cost of equipping studios, offices and so forth on site are operating costs the BBC wants to be entirely itself. The reason for that is the good old-fashioned one of editorial independence.

"The IBA's attitude is slightly different in that it is prepared for Parliament to pay for rather more."

The experiment had convinced the BBC, he said, that it wanted the whole of the operation at Westminster. Accommodation there was at a premium, so that might present difficulties. "But I hope we would be able to persuade the Commons that that is desirable."

The commentary box inside the Chamber would have to be doubled in size to acccommodate a relief commentator and a researcher. "I shall be surprised if they are not helpful about that", he said.

He had heard unofficially that the Lords were interested in being included in the broadcasts and so far as programmes like Today in Parliament were concerned the BBC thought that would be a statutory obligation. The difficulties in the Upper House were less.

A timetable was difficult to forecast; for accommodation they were in the hands of the Department of the Environment.

With committees, acoustics were not ideal. "We accept the fact that you cannot treat them like BBC studios and you cannot alter the rooms for all sorts of traditional and historic reasons." He thought different kinds of microphone might improve the sound.

Mr Marshall Stewart, editor of Independent Radio News, which shared the experiment with the BBC, said he did not expect a Commons debate to make any decision about paying for permanent broadcasting.

There was much support for permanent broadcasting to be introduced in time for the Budget next spring. If it was done "live" and without edited reports it could be undertaken quite soon without too much difficulty or cash.

Marriages

Mr D. G. F. Banks and the Hon Caroline Hamilton-Russell
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Laurence's, Ludlow, of Mr David Banks, eldest son of Mr and Mrs T. H. F. Banks, of Laugherne Hill, Wichenford, Worcester, and the Hon Caroline Banks, eldest daughter of Viscount and Viscountess Boyne, of Burwarton House, Bridgnorth, Salop. Canon Allan Shaw officiated, assisted by the Rev W. J. R. Morrison.
The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was attended by Roland Chambers, Peter Stucley, the Hon Sara and the Hon Lucy Hamilton-Russell, Katie Hamilton-Russell, Helen Dugdale and Miss Kate Bucknall. Mr Simon Foster was best man.
A reception was held at the home of the bride and the honeymoon will be spent abroad.

Mr N. Bicknell and Miss E. J. Simpson
The marriage took place recently of Mr Nigel Bicknell and Miss Elizabeth Simpson, of 38 Atney Road, London, SW15, and Norway.

Mr N. C. Robinson and Miss A. F. Weatherall
The marriage took place on October 25 between Mr Nicolas Robinson, son of the Rev Ian and Mrs Robinson, of Westleton, Suffolk, and Miss Alison Weatherall, daughter of Dr and Mrs Miles Weatherall, of Willows, Charlbury.

Mr D. E. Wallwork and Miss I. W. Munro
The marriage took place on Saturday, October 25, at Chelsea Register Office between Mr David Eric Wallwork, 16 Marmion Road, SW11, late of Tring, Hertfordshire, and Miss Isobel Watson Munro, of Oakley Gardens, SW3.

Mr P. L. Warnock and Miss M. Brady
The marriage took place on Saturday at St Michael's Church, Wolverhampton, of Mr Peter Liston Warnock, son of Mr and Mrs A. W. Warnock, and Miss Moira Brady, daughter of Dr and Mrs Terence A. Brady.
A reception was held at the Park Hall Hotel, Wolverhampton.

Mr G. O. Younghusband and Mrs P. S. Dickenson
The marriage has taken place quietly between Mr George Oswald Younghusband, of Grove House, Bromesberrow, Ledbury, Herefordshire, and Mrs Patricia Stafford Dickenson, of 41 Durweston, Blandford, Dorset.

Pilot commended for avoiding town

Flight Lieutenant Anthony Michael Keane, aged 34, has been awarded the Queen's Commendation for Valuable Service in the Air for his "unselfish courage and devotion to duty".

He guided his burning RAF Phantom jet away from the Dutch town of Roermond and ejected shortly before it crashed in open country.

Church news

Appointments:
Prebendary J. S. Aldis, Commissary to the Bishop of Fulham and Gibraltar, to be an honorary canon of Gibraltar Cathedral.
The Rev P. H. Bennett, Vicar of Hillmorton, Rugby, to be Rector of Beaudesert and Vicar of Henley-in-Arden and priest-in-charge of Ullenhall with Apsley, diocese of Coventry.
The Rev E. G. Clarkson, Vicar of St Michael and All Angels with St John's, Blackburn, diocese of Blackburn, to be Vicar of St John the Baptist, Chapeltown, diocese of Sheffield.
The Rev G. I. L. Greenlees, curate of Wilton, diocese of Salisbury, to be Vicar of All Saints', Woodchurch, diocese of Canterbury.
The Rev F. E. Huntress, of Grace Church, Manchester, New Hampshire, United States, to be Vicar of St Gabriel's, Leicester, diocese of Leicester.
The Rev M. R. J. Manktelow, Vicar of St Wilfrid's, Harrogate, diocese of Ripon, has been appointed an honorary canon of Ripon Cathedral.
The Rev W. L. M. Storey, curate of St John's, West Ealing, diocese of London, to be Vicar of St Luke's, West Derby, diocese of Liverpool.
The Rev G. P. Thornley, priest-in-charge of Riseholme, diocese of Lincoln, to be Rector of Dunholme, same diocese.

Resignations and retirements
The Rev B. T. Croft, Vicar of Reighton with Speeton, diocese of York, on September 30.
The Rev D. Nichols, Vicar of St John's, Locksheath, diocese of Portsmouth.
The Rev W. B. Norris, Rector of North Waltham with Steventon, Ashe and Deane.
The Rev W. A. Partridge, Assistant Bishop of the diocese of Hereford.
The Rev A. W. Robson, Vicar of St James's, Jersey.
Prebendary W. P. Shannon, Vicar of Kinston with Huntingdon.
The Rev R. D. Wain, Rector of All Saints', Woodchurch.
Prebendary G. R. M. Webster, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Hereford.
Prebendary A. W. Webster-Smith, Rector of Pontesbury with Cruckton.
The Rev N. E. Wilkinson, Vicar of Broadhempston with Woodland, diocese of Exeter.

25 years ago

From The Times of Friday, October 27, 1950

Japanese freed

From Our Own Correspondent
Tokyo, Oct 26.—Japanese officials let it be known tonight that some 3,000 more officers of the former army and navy have been released from the "purge", with the approval of allied headquarters. Most of those affected are former officers who were commissioned in 1945. Great secrecy has attended the Japanese Government's latest action.
Japanese newspapermen state that representatives of the Cabinet warned proprietors of their newspapers that no word of the release must be allowed to appear on the ground that the Government action might be misinterpreted in allied countries.
Japanese sources close to the Cabinet say that another 20,000 men are to be released from the "purge" in the near future.

University news

Reading
The university will celebrate its charter jubilee on March 17 by conferring the honorary degree of DLitt on Sir Adrian Boult, Mrs Phoebe Cusden, former Mayor of Reading, the Hon G. W. N. Palmer, former president of the university council, Mr John Piper, the artist, and Mr F. D. Pickering, of Berkshire County Council; and that of DSc on Sir Richard Trehane, chairman of the Milk Marketing Board, and Mr C. T. W. Cashell, the ophthalmic surgeon.

Hull
Appointments:
Lecturers: A. K. Cheesemond, BA (Nott), MA (Lond), sociology and social anthropology; C. M. Crawshaw, BSc (Soton), psychology; J. M. Dubery, BA, PhD (Cantab), computer studies; A. Martin, MA (Cantab), BA (Hull), social administration; L. M. Milen, BA (Cantab), Russian studies; D. L. Rudkin, BA (Sheff), law; M. F. Somerton, BA (Econ) (Manc), adult education; K. A. Spencer, BSc (Newcastle), educational studies; R. M. Wallace, MA (Aberdeen), LLB (Dundee), law.
Research fellows: J. M. Empson, BSc, PhD (Sheff), social administration; M. B. Goatley, BSc (St Andrews), plant biology; D. C. Hamilton, BSc (Edin), applied physics; C. M. Stephenson, BSc (Hull), biochemistry.

Grants:
£16,000 from the UKAEA to the department of applied physics for research into CO2 laser scattering under Professor S. A. Ramsden.
£20,233 from Science Research Council to department of biochemistry for investigation into iron metabolism in mycobacteria under Dr C. Ratledge.
£37,951 from Social Science Research Council to Institute for Health Studies for investigation of "decentralized administration in reorganized health service" under Dr R. G. S. Brown.
£10,876 from the SRC to the department of physics for an investigation of "magneto-optical spectroscopy of excitons at high densities in II-VI Compounds", under Dr B. C. Cavenett.
£13,500 from the Muscular Dystrophy Group of Great Britain to the department of zoology for investigation "the synthesis and assembly of contractile proteins in foetal and neonatal muscle in normal and dystrophic mice" under Dr G. Goldspink.

Keele
Appointments:
SENIOR LECTURERS: P. W. Jones, MSc (Reading), PhD (Wales), lecturer in statistics, University College of Wales (mathematics), from January 1; A. Leissner, BA in psychology, New School for Social Research, New York, MSW Columbia Univ, senior research officer with National Children's Bureau (social work courses), from September 1.
LECTURERS: Yvonne P. Garson, BSc (Soton), temporary lecturer at Crewe and Alsager College of Education (science education), from September 1; A. R. H. Gellatly, MA (Dundee), temporary lecturer, Sussex Univ (psychology), from October 1; Ruth L. Goodison, BA (Birm), lecturer at Huddersfield Poly (French), from October 1; C. J. Harrison, BA, PhD (Keele), Fereday fellow at St John's College, Oxford (history), from October 1; C. Hawksley, BSc (Manc), demonstrator in computer science (computer science), from October 1; P. D. La Valle, BA (Columbia), MA (S Illinois), PhD (State Univ of Iowa), associate professor, Windsor Univ (geography), for one year from December 1; S. J. Lord, BSc (Econ), MSc (Lond), graduate student at the Institute of Development Studies, Sussex Univ (economics), from October 1; Patricia Lovie, BA (Liv), postgraduate student demonstrator, Univ (statistics/mathematics), from October 1; S. J. Mills, BA, MA (Keele), PhD (Maryland), teaching assistant in geography, Maryland Univ (American studies), from October 1; M. Wasik, LLB (Manc), (law), from October 1.
T. A. J. Sousler, BA, BM (Oxon), freelance composer and performer, to be Leverhulme research fellow in music for two years, from October 1.

Grant:
£14,322 from the Social Science Research Council to the department of psychology for an investigation by Dr J. Hartley and Mr P. Burnhill (of the Stafford College of Further Education) on typographic decision-making and the design of instructional text, from October 1, 1975, to December 31, 1978.

City
A grant of £27,000 over three years has been received from Shell International Marine for research into organic vapour studies under Professor J. C. Levy, department of mechanical engineering.



Sale room event: One of only three drawings by Andrea del Sarto the sixteenth-century Florentine artist, known to remain in private hands will be sold at Sotheby's on December 10. The drawing (above) is a study for the head of St John the Baptist which appears in a painting of about 1523 in the Pitti Palace at Florence. Sotheby's expect it to fetch £15,000 to £30,000.

Beckford interest raises price of Rosebery books

By Geraldine Norman
Sale Room Correspondent

Sotheby's sale of books from the collection of the fifth Earl of Rosebery at Barnbougle Castle yesterday made 25 to 30 per cent more than normal prices.

The books virtually all came from the Hamilton Palace sale and the library of William Beckford (1759-1844). The sale is probably the last big dispersal of books from Beckford's library. He was one of the most voracious and discerning collectors of his day and he annotated liberally. His bindings, generally by Kalthoeber or Lewis, are exceptionally fine.

The sale, which continued today, totalled £52,819, with only £160 worth unsold.

The top price of £1,760 with buyers' premium (estimate £1,000 to £1,500) was not in fact paid for a Beckford book, although it was in the Hamilton Palace sale. It was Count Sergei Stroganov's Antiquities of the Russian State, of 1849-53. The 12 volumes include 515 lithographed plates; the work was printed at the expense of the Emperor of Russia for presentation only.

Lord Rosebery was particularly interested in travel books and most of the high prices were for books with fine illustrations or maps. A work of 1651 on Mexican plants, animals and minerals by Francisco Hernandez made £1,210 to Quaritch (estimate £200-£250).

Among the curiosities was a group of six French seventeenth-century pamphlets of a horrific nature, bound as one volume. It included a Histoire merveilleuse et horrible d'un Fils de Famille, qui après avoir meurtri son propre Père et naturel, fin le pendit et l'estrangla and Supplice d'un Frère et Soeur décapités en Grève pour adultère et inceste.

That was a Beckford and Hamilton book; it went to a Paris dealer, Berez, at £715 (estimate £300-£350).

A copy of Malkin's A Father's Memoirs of his Child of 1806 made £352 (estimate £200 to £250); it was bound with a page of Beckford notes on William Blake's poetry, with the comment "Surely the receiver and Disseminator of such trash is as bad as the Thief who seems to have stolen them from the walls of Bedlam".

Christie's were selling Continental pottery, with exceptionally high prices for late pieces of Italian majolica and average prices for better items.

An Urbino saucer dish of about 1540, painted with the martyrdom of St Appollonia, made £3,675 (estimate £4,500 to £6,000). A second Urbino dish of similar date with Orpheus, Pan and others in a landscape made £2,100 (estimate £1,800 to £3,000).

Native interest: A collection of 10 gouaches by Louis Bleuler of Swiss Alpine scenes went for £3,600 (estimate £2,000 to £3,000) to Deer, a Swiss buyer, at Philips's sale of watercolours, which realized £12,813.

A view of a Spanish town by John Varley was sold for £750 to Tear (estimate £500 to £600). In a sale of prints, which realized £9,482, a private buyer paid £820 (estimate £700 to £800) for a set of four Swiss topographical prints. The top prices in those two sales show the demand from Switzerland for native pictures. £21,134, and Bishop paid £680 (estimate £500 to £600) for a nineteenth century mahogany library bookcase.

Latest appointments

Latest appointments include:
Mr J. W. Bourne, aged 53, to be Deputy Clerk of the Crown in Chancery, Lord Chancellor's Office, in succession to Mr Hume Boggis-Rolfe, who is to retire on December 31.
Mr A. D. M. Oulton, aged 48, to be a Deputy Secretary in the Lord Chancellor's Office, from January 1.
Mr David Carter to succeed Mr Martin Moss as Joint Deputy Chairman of the Design Council.
The following to be members of the Design Council:
Miss Mary McRobert, director, Retail Trading Standards Association; Mr R. D. C. Swayne, chairman, Overseas Containers Ltd; Mr C. H. W. Troughton, chairman, W. H. Smith and Son (Holdings) Ltd; Dr Margaret Weston, director, Science Museum; Mr Keith Wrighton, director, I. Wrighton and Sons Ltd.

Christening

The infant daughter of Dr and the Hon Mrs Nigel Miller was christened Elena Frances Loveday yesterday by her great-uncle, the Rev A. K. Mathews, in the Crypt Chapel of the Palace of Westminster.

Information book prizes

This year's Times Educational Supplement Information Book prizes of £100 each have been awarded to Geraldine Lux Flanagan and Sean Morris for Window Into A Nest, published by Kestrel Books, and to Ralph Whitlock, the broadcaster and agricultural expert, for Spiders, published by the Priory Press.

Trust seeks more sailing boats to restore

From a Staff Reporter
Ambleside

The National Trust's north-western area is searching for at least three more historic sailing yachts with a view to restoring them and putting them back on their home waters.

Water Witch, one of the last 20 of the graceful 17-footers, with their long, curved bows and even longer counters, which have been part of the Windermere scene for nearly half a century, was restored last winter. It has been sailed by National Trust members this season.

The trust has acquired a second 17-footer, Nyiad, which should be on the water next year. She was rescued from the breakers just before her owners sold her for the scrap value of the lead in her keel. Both boats should be available for charter next season.

The trust is searching for two 32-footers which, with gaff rigs and topsails, used to provide an exciting spectacle on the lake. They are believed to be lying ashore somewhere in the British Isles. A 19-footer whose whereabouts is known but being kept secret at present may also be restored to sailing condition in the next few years.

Restoring racing yachts is a new venture for the National Trust and indeed a new feature in maritime archaeology, which has expanded rapidly in recent years but which so far has been devoted mainly to the preservation of large commercial sailing vessels and steamers.

As one of a privileged few who have sailed Water Witch on Windermere, I can report that handling her introduces a different dimension to an always thrilling occupation, and an intense admiration for the old craftsman's ability to shape a hull out of wood which will blend with its natural element of water.

Even in the lightest of breezes the only difficulty with Water Witch is stopping her, rather than making her go.

The National Trust said that the acquisition of the boats is intended both to preserve an element of the historic Lake District scene and to give yachtsmen the opportunity to handle boats of a type that will never be built again, because of the prohibitive cost of materials and maintenance and the shortage of craftsmen.



"Water Witch", the 40-year-old Windermere yacht restored by the National Trust for charter.

OBITUARY

SIR WILLIAM TEELING

Former Conservative MP

Sir William Teeling, the Conservative politician who sat in the House of Commons for 25 years as one of the MPs for Brighton and was also a prominent Roman Catholic layman and author, died on October 26 aged 72.

He resigned his seat in Parliament in February 1969, having been Conservative member for the Pavilion Division of Brighton since 1950. Before that he was one of the two Conservative MPs for Brighton—when this was a double-member constituency—having won the seat at a by-election in 1944. Teeling had always been keenly interested in the Channel Tunnel project and for many years he was chairman of the Channel Tunnel Parliamentary Committee, always striving to spur the Government to action. He was also diligent in the more immediate interests of his constituency and for 10 years, too, he was secretary of the Holiday Resorts Parliamentary Committee. In all his years in Parliament he never succeeded in achieving ministerial office but in 1962 he was knighted "for political and public services".

Born on February 5, 1903, Luke William Burke Teeling was the son and only child of Luke Alexander Teeling, who was Accountant General of the Irish Supreme Court. From his home in Ireland he was sent to the Oratory School, Edgbaston, and then went up to Magdalen College, Oxford, where he took an honours degree in history and was secretary of the Chatham Club. Between leaving the university and the war years—when he served in the Royal Air Force—Teeling led an adventurous and strenuous life as journalist, traveller and author. He stood as a Conservative candidate in the London dockland constituency of Silvertown at the general election of 1929 but this was merely a quixotic joust. As a young man he was distressed by the social consequences of unemployment in the 1930s and he spent two winter months in 1933 tramping from London to Newcastle and back, sleeping in hostels and doss-houses, to study the lot of the unemployed and the various efforts of central and local authorities to ameliorate their condition. He vividly described these experiences in a series of articles in The Times.

Before this he had been on a long tour as an "amateur tramp" in the United States, hitching lifts with the hobos on and under freight trains, and similarly studying the plight of the unemployed. He continued his sociological studies among the youth of Hitler's Germany, about which he also wrote some articles for The Times. His other travels during these years took him to France, Italy, Australia, New Zealand, Japan, Indo-China and Russia. Apart from sociological problems he interested himself particularly in the attitude of the various countries visited to Roman Catholocism and in the adaptability of Irish emigrants to new cultures.

He wrote and published during this period eight books in as many years, based mainly on the experience gained in his travels. Among these books was The Pope in Politics (1937) and Crisis for Christianity (1939). The former book—which disturbed the Roman Catholic establishment—questioned the close relationship between the Vatican and Italian fascism in Mussolini's day and suggested that Pius XI was opposed to the democratic new catholicism stirring across the Atlantic and in what were then the Dominions. In the second book mentioned Teeling dealt with the challenge to the Roman Catholic church in Nazi Germany.

As a back-bencher in the Commons, Teeling was a member of many Parliamentary delegations on overseas visits—apart from his own independent travels—and he became a recognized specialist on Far East affairs. He was a Freeman of the city of Seoul, South Korea. Among other interests he was a director of several companies and a governor of the Oratory School. He married in 1942 Miss Mary Julia O'Conor, who died in 1953.

THE REV A. M. GAMBLE

The Rev Arthur Mellor Gamble, headmaster of Denstone College from 1941 to 1957, died on October 24 at the age of 76. Before going to Denstone he was for many years on the staff of Gresham's School, Holt, as an assistant master and housemaster of, first, the junior house and then, later, a senior house. His was an active and committed retirement for after leaving Denstone he at once took Holy Orders and until his death faithfully served a clutch of small parishes in that part of North Norfolk which he had known intimately from early manhood.

During his time as headmaster of Denstone Gamble presided over a considerable improvement in the school's fortunes, despite the difficult war and postwar conditions. His role was essentially that of the administrator and father figure. He taught but little himself and, although a fine games player, his frequent appearances on the sports fields were mostly in the role of spectator—yet both in games and scholarship the school prospered. Perhaps his most notable contribution was in discipline and in that intangible spirit which is so powerful a determinant in the success of any school. He and his wife—whose loyal help extended beyond the functions of a charming hostess—exerted both directly and indirectly a powerful influence upon the general range of activities. Tall and powerfully built, he was a man of natural dignity. He was an eloquent and thoughtful preacher and a speaker of wit and force, able to adjust himself to circumstances and always at his best on the big occasion.

The son of P. A. Gamble, he was educated at Shrewsbury School where he was a scholar. He joined up when he was 18, and saw service in the Royal Engineers in France and Belgium. On discharge from the Forces he went up to Oriel College, Oxford, playing Association Football for Oxford in the university match of 1921 and also turning out for the Corinthians. In 1922 he was appointed to the staff of Gresham's School where he was to spend nearly 20 profitable and happy years. He played all games with skill and finesse and though physically formidable (to boys of nine and 10 he seemed a giant) he was light on his feet. Tribute to his size was reflected in the name given to his cycle; it was known "The Horse".

He married in 1924, Doris Mary, second daughter of Percy Evershed, of Norwich. They had one son and two daughters.

MR COLIN AGNEW

Sir Charles Tennyson writes:

Mr Colin Agnew, who died on October 24, at the age of 92, was one of those few men whose long and dedicated lives have resulted in making London one of the chief—perhaps the chief—artistic centre of the world.

As a leading member of Thomas Agnew & Sons for 61 years (from 1906-1967) with a passionate love of pictures, to gratify which he was ready to go anywhere at any time, he had every opportunity to achieve this. Born in 1882, the son of George Agnew, grandson of the firm's founder, he was educated at Rugby and King's College, Cambridge, where he read history and was much influenced by Lowes Dickinson.

As soon as possible after going down he joined the family firm and in 1908 was sent out to Berlin, where he made friends with Bode, W. R. Valentiner and Max Friedlander, whose work had recently made Berlin a centre of European culture. While there he organized, at the request of the Kaiser and King Edward VII, with his cousin, Morland Agnew, joint head of the firm, a great Loan Exhibition of British Art, which had a marked influence on world opinion. At the outbreak of the First World War he joined the Army but was invalided out in 1916. As soon as war was over the firm decided to make an attack on the American market and an office was opened in New York and put in Colin's charge. For five years he spent every winter and spring in America. Then unhappily the slump came, the New York office had to be closed and the market was only just beginning to recover when the Second World War broke out.

It says much for Colin's resilience that the 1920s witnessed the foundation, under his influence, of the Magnasco Society for the study of the Italian Baroque painting of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries. The original committee included Colin and six of his friends, Lord Gerald Wellesley, William King of The British Museum, Tancred Borenius, F. D. Lycett Green and Osbert and Sacheverell Sitwell; the Society's first two Exhibitions being held at Agnew's. The after effects of the Society's work are strongly evident today.

Colin Agnew always seemed frail and fastidious, but he and his cousin, Gerald, kept Bond Street open through the Blitz, themselves acting as firewatchers. As soon as the war was over he and Gerald's son, Geoffrey, and Geoffrey's wife, set off on a strenuous tour to regain the American market; and until 1972 he never failed to visit Italy at some time or other every year. In 1973 and 1974 he tried English watering places but had to admit they were nothing like Venice. This summer his friends persuaded him to try Venice again—with the happiest results.

MR R. A. RAMSAY

R.B.N. writes:

The death in Paris on October 17 of Robert Anstruther Ramsay, M.Chir, FRCS, recalled my first meeting with him in 1947 when he was the Senior Surgeon at the Metropolitan Hospital. Almost 30 years before he had pioneered the adoption in this country of Rammstedt's operation for congenital pyloric stenosis of infants, at that time almost invariably fatal. Ramsay's first cases at the Belgrave Hospital for Children were reported to the Medical Society for London on February 24, 1919.

As a newly appointed consultant physician I worked in the next room to Mr Ramsay and learnt a great deal from him about the many skills which are common to medicine and surgery. Most of all I valued his warm humanity and friendliness and the wisdom which prompted his colleagues to persuade him to stay on after retiring age to guide the Central Group of Hospitals through the early years of the National Health Service. In retirement in Paris he found time along with his cello playing to retain a lively interest in the advances of medicine so that his welcome letters brought new ideas as well as old memories.

Lady Adams, widow of Sir Walter Adams, formerly Director of the London School of Economics, died while on holiday in America. She was 70. She was Tatiana Makaroff and she was married in 1933. Her husband died in May.

Science report

Obstetrics: IUDs and ectopic pregnancies

As more women have begun using intrauterine contraceptive devices (IUDs) there has been an increase in the number of ectopic pregnancies, a report from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine says. The explanation seems to be that an IUD is far more effective in preventing a normal pregnancy than one outside the uterus.

Fertilization of the human ovum normally takes place in the Fallopian tube connecting the overy to the uterus, and the fertilized ovum then takes several days to reach the interior of the uterus and begin its embryonic development. Should the ovum be held up in the tube it will nevertheless continue to divide and increase in size. That state of ectopic pregnancy is rare, occurring in roughly three pregnancies in every thousand, but it can be dangerous, for eventually the embryo with its surrounding membranes becomes too large for the tube, which ruptures. The bleeding that results may be fatal if it is not stopped by an emergency operation.

Hospital statistics for the last 10 years show an increase in the annual number of ectopic pregnancies from 2,673 in 1966 to 3,447 in 1972, the latest year for which detailed figures are available. Deaths from complications of ectopic pregnancy fell from 88 between 1960 and 1964 to 41 in the last three years, but that is mainly attributable to improvements in obstetric care. The proportion of all deaths in pregnancy because of that has risen from 6 to 9 per cent.

The rise in the number of ectopic pregnancies could be accounted for by any of several factors, the report says. Infection of the Fallopian tubes, a common complication of gonorrhoea, is known to predispose a woman to the condition. However, while tubal infection has become more frequent recently, most of the increase has been in women aged 15 to 24, whereas the increase in ectopic pregnancies has been spread over the whole age range. Another reason for doubting that tubal infection has been a relevant factor is a lack of any correlation between the parts of the country where infection has been most prevalent and those in which ectopic pregnancy has been increasing.

Use of the minipill, the variant of oral contraception using pills containing a progestogen but no oestrogen, is known to increase the likelihood of ectopic gestation, but the drug is little prescribed in Britain and it could account for only a fraction of the reported rise in ectopic pregnancies.

Another possible cause is scarring of the tubes from an earlier surgical operation, but again only a few cases could be caused by that. Abortion has been said to predispose to ectopic pregnancy but, as with tubal infection, the peak age incidence is below 24 years, whereas the rise in ectopic pregnancies has affected women of all ages.

The most likely explanation is the growth in popularity of IUDs as a form of contraception. It is known that when pregnancy occurs in a woman using an IUD there is increased risk that it will be ectopic. There are probably about twenty pregnancies each year in every thousand women using IUDs, and of those perhaps one or two are ectopic. As long ago as 1970 there were thought to be 400,000 women in Britain using IUDs; since then newer, smaller devices have been introduced, making the method more suitable for women who have not had children, and that figure may have doubled.

Several hundred ectopic pregnancies each year may be attributed to the use of IUDs.

By Our Medical Correspondent
Source: British Journal of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (October, 1975, p. 775).

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overnment are to spend r £26m on rescuing the machine tool group, Herbert. This involves ut the existing ordinary lders for 6p a share 18m in total) and sub- £25m for shares in a te-owned concern.
night the offer to exist- eholders was being seen ity as fairly generous in it of the current stock price of 5½p for Alfred shares, and the fact that ion was the only alterna- a state takeover.
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quity element in Alfred will pass to a new com- Herbert Limited, whose will eventually be vested proposed National Enter- oard along with those, others, of British Ley- so state owned now, and a major customer of Herbert.

The £25m that the Government will subscribe for the new shares in Herbert Limited will be passed on to Alfred Herbert in the form of equity and of interest-bearing loans. This will enable it to continue trading, though in a rather contracted form after the 1,200 redundancies announced recently.

The £330,000 worth of preference shares in Alfred Herbert, which are now mainly owned by Finance for Industry, will remain intact. So will the £6m loan that Alfred Herbert has from FCI, a subsidiary of FFI, and the £2.4m debenture stock that the Pearl Assurance company holds.

However, one of Alfred Herbert's chief priorities will be to reduce its other bank overdrafts after the new capital injection, Mr John Buckley, chairman of the company said.

The £25m will be devoted partly to reducing these short-term borrowings, shown in the last accounts at just under £8m but which are since understood to have risen to nearer £12m on the back of government guarantees. The rest of the £25m will be applied to capital reequipment and new product expenditure.

The £26m aid to Herbert is being made available under Section 8 of the Industry Act, and involves a Scheme of Arrangement under the Companies Act, 1948. Thus the scheme will have to be approved by ordinary shareholders and subsequently sanctioned by the courts.

It also hinges upon the enactment of the Industry Bill, though it is hoped that the scheme will be operative by mid December.

Alfred Herbert and its financial advisers, S. G. Warburg & Co, are advising ordinary shareholders to accept the scheme as, "in the absence of an injection of substantial additional funds, Alfred Herbert would have to be put into liquidation . . . when neither preference nor ordinary shareholders could expect to receive any payment".

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CBI warns Mr Wilson on too early reflation

By Malcolm Brown

Industrial leaders told the Prime Minister last night that the country must not reflate until inflation is seen to be firmly under control.

A seven-man delegation led by Sir Ralph Bateman, President of the Confederation of British Industry, spent 70 minutes at No 10 Downing Street.

Mr Wilson, who was accompanied by senior Cabinet Ministers, had called the industrialists in for consultations in preparation for next month's World Economic Summit. He is to see TUC leaders later this week.

Last night's discussions appear to have been rather one-sided. Mr Wilson asked the CBI for its views on the economic and industrial situation, but declined to be drawn on the strategy which the Government would adopt at the summit.

Following the meeting Sir Ralph said that the industrial delegation had reaffirmed its opposition to reflation.

"We don't think this is the right time for reflation", he said.

The CBI view is that the country will be inviting major trouble if it reflates before the Government's counter-inflation measures are seen to have had a marked effect. They are convinced that belts must be kept tight even if that means bearing high levels of unemployment.

CBI estimates put unemployment as high as 1.5 million by the end of next year.

Sir Ralph said after the meeting that another main point in the CBI's policy was to stand out against import restrictions.

"We don't believe in import controls. We believe in very efficient anti-dumping legislation."

Imports are likely to loom large at the summit talks. The firm policy of the CBI is that import controls must not be imposed for balance-of-payments reasons.

Chrysler shop stewards ask for month's closure at Ryton plant

By Clifford Webb

Chrysler shop stewards have asked the company to close its Ryton, Coventry, assembly plant for the whole of December instead of opening it for work on three days only. They say that a complete shutdown will enable the 3,000 men laid off to qualify for additional earnings related supplementary payments.

The company's original proposals to the unions called for Ryton to work eight days in November and three in December. The shop stewards want to work all 11 days in November.

The first six days of each lay-off period do not qualify for earnings related supplements. By merging the two lay-off periods into one the men will receive an additional £6 to £9 each. A Chrysler spokesman said last night: "We are still considering the request."

With unemployment in the Coventry area already at its highest level for more than 30 years, Chrysler's massive cutback has brought a union demand for "crisis measures" by the Government and local employers.

The Confederation of Shipbuilding and Engineering Unions has called a mass meeting of shop stewards throughout the city for tonight. Union officials held discussions yesterday to prepare proposals for the meeting.

It is understood that these include a request for the Government to declare Coventry a special area for assistance. The shop stewards may also call for a ban on overtime, and a declaration that factories should not work more than 35 hours a week to share available work among as many people as possible.

The unions point out that with 16,000 men and women already unemployed in the area the position will become even worse next month when a further 2,000 expect to be made redundant by two of the largest employers in Coventry, GEC and Alfred Herbert.

The West Midlands County Council has sent two delegations to Brussels to protest at the region's failure to obtain assistance from the EEC's regional development fund. They have been told that the Commission is setting up a special investigation of the entire European motor industry.

Mr Ken Rose, the county treasurer, said: "We are in contact with the EEC over certain matters connected with the motor industry. We are trying to secure a change of attitude in Brussels towards the West Midlands".

Overtime ban: British Leyland's plans for overtime at its car factory at Cowley, Oxford, cannot be operated because of a ban on overtime by the factory's 460 inspectors and 70 car testers. The sanctions applied by the men stopped extra production.

The inspectors and testers are campaigning for upgrading as production workers and have exhausted the disputes procedure. The inspectors are also working to rule, and the testers staged a 24-hour token strike earlier this month.

Small N Sea find by Iranian Oil and BP

By Peter Hill

Another oil find has been made in the North Sea by British Petroleum. Although the company said that the find was likely to be small, there is felt to be every prospect of it being developed.

In a brief statement, BP said that in partnership with the National Iranian Oil Co it had tested oil in a second well on concession 15/13, which had now been abandoned. Further appraisal of the well would be required, BP said, to assess the significance of the discovery, which it expected to be small.

This is the first time that the NIOC has been involved in a find through its partnership with BP in the North Sea, and the discovery has been made in British waters south east of the Orkneys.

While further appraisal work will be carried out next year, it is clear that the find is a modest one by comparison with some discoveries, and in normal circumstances would be regarded as highly marginal. However, oil industry sources believe that BP and NIOC might go ahead with development, since the find is only about 10 miles from the Piper field.

The pipeline from the Piper field to the mainland has already been laid. The find made by BP could, it is thought, be developed by the laying of a spur line which would link up with the main pipelines from the Piper field.

Meanwhile, through a statement released by Ranger Oil, Canada in Calgary, BP said that more than one third of the pipeline from the Ninian field—which will be producing at a rate of 350,000 barrels a day eventually—had been laid.

Ranger is part of the consortium developing the field. The statement was seen as an attempt to allay fears in North America that technical problems with the £50m Viking Piper pipelaying barge would delay construction. BP, vigorously denying reports of delays, said that 60 of the 161 kilometre pipe had been laid from the Shetlands to the Ninian field, which is due on stream in 1978.

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Lloyds man accused of acting as gambler

Lugano, Oct 27.—Two officials of a small bank branch in Switzerland were accused today of responsibility for currency speculation said to have cost their London-based bank £32m.

The charges, involving unauthorized foreign exchange deals, were read at the start of the trial of two men who worked for the Lugano branch of Lloyds International, one of Britain's four main clearing banks.

Mr Egidio Mombelli, 41, the former branch manager, and Mr Marcx Colombo, 29, the former foreign exchange director, were charged with a total of 26 offences said to have been committed between November, 1973, and August, 1974.

The charges include criminal mismanagement, falsification of bank records and documents, and violations of the Swiss Banking Code. Each of the fraud charges carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison.

The Public Prosecutor said in the indictment that Mr Colombo had acted "like a gambler".

The indictment said that when Lloyds sent a team of auditors to this southern Swiss town in October, 1974, they found that the branch, which had a staff of 16 people, had open positions of $592m, DM844m and 6m Swiss francs (amounts totalling more than £450m).

Mr Colombo was said to have made several hundred foreign exchange deals totalling some $11,000m and to have dealt with at least 15 Swiss and foreign banks with which the Lugano branch did not have authority.

Mr Colombo is charged with conspiring with Mr Mombelli to hide the losses over the nine-month period, and sending false statements to the Swiss National Bank. Mr Mombelli is accused of having endorsed the operations.

The trial was adjourned until tomorrow.—Reuter.

Jessel wind-up petitions are adjourned

Winding-up petitions against Jessel Securities and Crimtether Securities, its subsidiary, were adjourned for five weeks in the High Court yesterday.

Mr Justice Oliver granted the adjournment after being told that creditors were in favour of time being allowed for a new scheme of arrangement to be worked out for the companies. The petitioners are the Geneva-based Banque Romande, who claim one million Swiss francs (£182,000). Their counsel, Mr William Stubbs, said they favoured the setting-up of a scheme.

The two other major creditors, Phoenix Assurance Company, trustees of £10m unsecured loan stock, and the Official Receiver as provisional liquidator of London Indemnity and General Assurance, who also claim £10m, both supported the application for an adjournment.

Dutch agree to Enka cutbacks

From Our European
Business Correspondent

Enka Glanzstoff, the multinational sythetic fibres group belonging to the AKZO concern, seems to have achieved a breakthrough towards getting its reorganization plans accepted by its workforce in Holland, West Germany and Belgium.

The company announced yesterday that the workers' council for the Dutch part of the group had unanimously approved the management's rationalization proposals. These involve the closure of a factory at Arnhem and the partial shutdown of Enka's Emen plant. These will affect some 1,350 workers.

The Enka Glanzstoff group as a whole plans to cut back its workforce by some 6,000 in the three countries as parts of its scheme to close down loss-making fibre activities.

Negotiations between the management and workers' representatives have been proceeding on a national basis since October 14, when the management called off talks with an international delegation of trade union representatives from the three countries.

Germany's investment expected to fall again

From Peter Norman
Bonn, Oct 27

New investment by West German industry—the factor on which many politicians and economists are pinning their hopes for a long-term revival in the German economy—will fall in real terms next year as well as this, according to the Munich-based IFO economic research institute.

In its latest investment "test", IFO forecasts that investment by manufacturing industry will fall by a real 6 per cent next year and that overall, and only thanks to a strong rise in mining investments, the decline will be 4 per cent.

For this year IFO is expecting industrial investment will stagnate in nominal terms and show a real decline of 5 per cent.

The IFO findings come in a report which otherwise shows some revival of optimism among industrialists as regards business prospects. The larger companies expect an upturn in the business cycle on the strength of increased demand from abroad.

However, West German industry's present low capacity use and poor profit position would appear to be playing a more important role in determining investment plans.

IFO admits it is always possible that industry will revise upwards its planned investments if the expected economic recovery takes a strong hold.

Otherwise, this latest IFO test contains little to cheer those in Bonn government circles who believe that in the medium and longer term a steady rise in industrial investment is the only way of achieving economic growth and therefore reducing unemployment.

The Economics Ministry's latest monthly report, published today, speaks of the stabilizing trends in the German economy strengthening over the summer months and notes that for some time the country's economic indicators have shown no further evidence of a weakening in economic activity.

It is, therefore, not surprising that the September economic indicators are being awaited with some interest as optimists at least feel that these when they are published over the coming weeks could provide the first hard evidence of the long hoped-for upturn in the German economy.

60 Drypool men made redundant

Sixty workers at the financially ailing Drypool Group's riverside yard at Hull have been declared redundant by Mr Robert Smith, the bank-appointed receiver and manager. A spokesman for the company said yesterday that the unions were consulted before the redundancies were announced.

Mr Smith said earlier this month that at least 60 hourly-paid workers would have to go before Christmas. And he has already said that the alternative to nationalization is the sale of the company's interests as separate units.

MP's question on deficit error

Mr Peter Shore, Secretary of State for Trade, is to be questioned in the Commons about the 24 per cent computer error discovered in the trade figures which resulted in an underestimate of the deficit in the first nine months of this year of £276m.

Mr Terence Higgins, shadow spokesman on trade, is to ask Mr Shore, in questions tabled yesterday for answer on Thursday, whether the mistake leaves the actual returns for the value of exports and imports unaffected.

Recovery doubts by IMF chief

Frankfurt, Oct 27.—Although the recession in West Germany seems to have bottomed out and recent indications of an economic improvement are visible, Dr Johannes Witteveen, managing director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has doubts whether the recovery would be strong enough to overcome the recession.

Speaking at a press conference, he said that the rise in West Germany's gross national product in 1976 would be moderate and might turn out to be insufficient to bring about a reversal in the large slack in capacity utilization in the country.

He said it would be of prime importance to follow developments very closely within the next few months. If the recovery did not prove to be strong enough, further temporary stimulative measures, such as increased public spending and tax cuts, should be initiated by the government.

On the international balance of payments situation, Dr Witteveen said that while highly industralized nations should show no cumulative balance of payments deficits in 1975 because of the higher oil prices, he did expect non-oil developing countries to show a balance of payments deficit of about $45,000m (about £21,400m) compared with an overall world wide deficit of $65,000m in 1974.

This deficit of the non-oil developing countries still threatened the world economy, as the need for these countries to compensate for their deficits might lead to protectionist policies and could have a deflationary effect

ENI wins £285m Nigerian order

Rome, Oct 27.—ENI, the Italian state oil corporation, today announced that Snam Progetti, its subsidiary, has been awarded a contract worth 400,000m lire (£285m) to build Nigeria's second refinery with an annual capacity of five million tons. Originally 40 companies from different countries bid for the tender.

Printing press inquiry

Allegations that Japanese printing presses are being dumped in the United Kingdom are being investigated by the Department of Trade. The inquiry covers multi-colour offset litho machines of the type used for printing a maximum sheet size of 19in by 26in in two or four colours.

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Slater group may give Haw Par statement

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only one investor out of the group's 50,000 clients has withdrawn his funds. Slater, Walker Insurance, too, has been busy with inquiries, but not with policy cancellations.

On the controversial subject of Slater, Walker's involvement in the Far East, Mr Goldsmith, confirmed yesterday that he was one of the parties involved in negotiations that preceded the group's withdrawal last year from Haw Par, the Singapore-based trading company that now finds itself at the centre of the financial storm.

It was the widening investigation of his former Far Eastern interests by the authorities in both Singapore and Hongkong that lay behind Mr Slater's resignation last week.

It is understood that before July, 1974, when Slater, Walker sold its 24 per cent holding in Haw Par to Charter Consolidated and investment trusts managed by Ivory & Syme, Mr Goldsmith made an offer to the group for its holding.

Although Slater, Walker was at that time willing to sell the stake as part of its retrenchment policy, leading Haw Par executives are understood to have threatened to leave the group if Mr Slater did the deal with Mr Goldsmith.

Mr Goldsmith said yesterday that "it was one of the things we looked at". Commenting also on fears that a large part of the £14m loan made by Slater Walker to Haw Par at the time of the sale of the Haw Par holding would have to be written down he said that it appeared to be fully secured. Meanwhile, there are strong suggestions that a further statement on the Haw Par affair will be released in Singapore on Thursday.

Mr Richard Tarling, Mr Slater's former lieutenant in the Far East who until a year ago chaired the boards of both Haw Par and Slater, Walker Hongkong yesterday welcomed the expected arrival of the Hongkong police in the United Kingdom as an opportunity for himself and his fellow former Haw Par executives to give their evidence.

So far the Singapore government inspectors appointed to investigate the group, Mr Graham Starforth Hill, a leading local lawyer, and Mr Peter Grundy of Peat Marwick and Mitchell have taken no evidence outside Singapore.

At the moment, said Mr Tarling, the situation was "trial by the court of public opinion". Mr Tarling was allegedly one of the major beneficiaries of Spydar, the Hongkong share dealing company that is now subject to three separate inquiries by the Far East authorities.

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Scottish agency chief warns the lame ducks

Sir William Gray, chairman designate of the new Scottish Development Agency, warned yesterday that the agency would not help "lame ducks" and was not in the business for handouts".

Speaking at a press conference in Glasgow to introduce members of the agency, which was set up to boost Scottish industrial prospects, Sir William said: "We are here to give advice and finance to industry, but not as a grant-giving institution. We have power to give loans at commercial rates of interest, but, and let me make it clear, we are not in the business for handouts".

Asked if that meant lame ducks would remain lame, Sir William replied "Unless they are able to diversify in a new and expanding direction.

Mr Bruce Millar, Minister of State for Scotland, said that unions, local authorities, and people with industrial and new town experience had been asked to join the agency, which officially starts to operate on December 15, to give a coordinated approach to industrial problems.

How the markets moved

The Times index: 147.63—0.89
The FT index: 354.0—2.7

Rises

Atlas Stone	17p to 115p	Lane P Grp	2p to 16p
Bolton Textile	½p to 9p	Midland Ind	1½p to 15½p
Com Bk of Syd	10p to 190p	MK Electric	5p to 56p
ERF Hldgs	2p to 25p	Normand Elec	2p to 33p
Haggas J	10p to 255p	Reed Int	9p to 239p
Hamersley	5p to 175p	Robb Caledon	5p to 38p
Imp Cont Gas	7p to 360p	Sirdar	5p to 28p

Falls

Barclays Bk	5p to 295p	McLeod Russel	5p to 115p
Cavenham	6p to 140p	Pleasurama	2½p to 26½p
De Beers Dfd	8p to 304p	Selection Tst	7p to 510p
Finlay J	10p to 130p	Sentrust	5p to 225p
Inchcape	10p to 330p	Tricentrol	3½p to 42p
Indus & Gen	5½p to 34½p	Union Corp	5p to 400p
Jardine M'son	12p to 353p	W Rand Cons	5p to 155p

Equities shrugged off Mr Slater's departure and ended on a firm note.
Sterling was down 10 pts to $2.0690. The "effective devaluation" rate was 29.2 per cent.
Gilt-edged securities had a quiet session.

Gold slipped back 75 cents an ounce to $143.
SDR-$ was 1.18438 on Friday while SDR-£ was 0.572164.
Comodities: Reuter's index was at 1143.5 (previous 1135.9).

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THE POUND

	Bank buys	Bank sells
Australia $	1.68	1.62
Austria Sch	38.50	36.50
Belgium Fr	84.50	81.50
Canada $	2.165	2.115
Denmark Kr	12.60	12.20
Finland Mkk	8.10	7.85
France Fr	9.25	8.95
Germany DM	5.45	5.25
Greece Dr	75.00	71.00
Hongkong $	10.60	10.20
Italy Lr	1555.00	1500.00
Japan Yn	650.00	625.00
Netherlands Gld	5.55	5.35
Norway Kr	11.55	11.20
Portugal Esc	90.00	70.00
S Africa Rd	1.84	1.71
Spain Pes	127.00	121.75
Sweden Kr	9.25	8.95
Switzerland Fr	5.55	5.35
US $	2.12	2.07
Yugoslavia Dnr	43.00	39.50

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied yesterday by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

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Computers now link all rail freight network

By Edward Townsend

Dr John Gilbert, the Minister for Transport, yesterday officially brought into operation the final stage of British Rail's computer-based freight monitoring system.

Total Operations Processing System (TOPS) has been systematically introduced by British Rail throughout most regions in the past two years. The last area, the north east, was switched in to the national network by Dr Gilbert.

BR has already spent £16.6m on TOPS and reckons that cash savings from reduced operations and maintenance costs are already running at £3m a year. Mr Richard Marsh, the BR chairman, yesterday described the system as "the most important single development for improving freight operating efficiency in the history of our railways".

TOPS operates through London-based computers linked to 155 centres throughout BR's 11,500 route mile network. It provides information about every wagon on the BR fleet and is said to have identified scope for reducing the number of wagons by 20,000, representing a replacement value of £50m. BR said as a result it had already taken out of service 11,000 wagons.

NUBE plans to 'get tough' with Midland over profit-sharing

By Christopher Thomas
Labour Staff

Yesterday the National Union of Bank Employees (NUBE) said it planned to "get tough" with the Midland Bank over demands for a profit-sharing scheme. It would submit the issue for independent arbitration when the Employment Protection Bill became law next month.

The union has won profit-sharing schemes in Barclays, National Westminster and Williams and Glyns Banks, but in two years of talks has failed to reach agreement with Midland. It says the bank now refuses to negotiate on the issue.

NUBE points to a survey commissioned by Midland on staff attitudes and opinions, just published, which says most workers beneath managers regard profit-sharing as a top priority.

Mr Hedley Woods, the union's assistant secretary, said: "We will ask the Independent Advisory Conciliation and Arbitration Service to conciliate once the Employment Protection Bill becomes law.

"If there is still no agreement, the matter can then be referred to the proposed central arbitration committee, which can impose a settlement."

Mr Woods attacked Midland and Lloyds Banks for the "callous and cynical" sacking of hundreds of part-time workers in London, which he said was aimed at avoiding redundancy payments which would become compulsory under the Bill. The action, by two of the country's most profitable companies, was irresponsible.

He added: "Midland have already got rid of several hundred part-time workers throughout the country, mostly women, and has plans for more. We fear Lloyds, which has sacked some staff in London, will do the same.

"The banks take the view that most of the workers who do fewer than 21 hours a week work for 'pin-money'. But many of them are heads of one-parent families. As far as we can see none of the human problems has been taken into consideration."

Midland Bank, in a recent circular to managers, said: "We must bear in mind the cost to the bank of these employees

Midland Bank said yesterday that demands for a profit-sharing scheme "are disallowed under the Government's pay policy" but the matter was still being considered. "It is not something you introduce in a hurry." It was policy to seek to replace temporary staff with full-time staff as soon as possible.

Shutdown at Govan in dispute on welding

By Peter Hill

Production at one of the two Clydeside shipyards of the state-owned Govan Shipbuilders remained at a standstill yesterday because of a dispute which has led to 3,000 workers being laid off.

The company is now involved in talks with owners of ships on order at the yard informing them of the need to postpone launch and delivery dates of the vessels affected in the programme.

The dispute involves 350 welders, who are members of the Boilermakers Society. They are being paid an extra 6p an hour allowance for using a new type of welding rod but they are objecting to the same payment being made to other members of the same union.

They claim that the allowance is a recognition of their own skills.

At a meeting yesterday, the men, who have been suspended since last week, ignored appeals from local union officials to return to work and said they would return only if the company reverted to the use of the normal welding rod.

Mr James Ramsay, Clyde district delegate for the Boilermakers Society, addressed a stormy meeting of the men involved, and afterwards said he would be reporting to the union's national executive and that a further meeting of the men would be held on Friday

He said the welders did not want the allowance to be withdrawn from other workers since they felt there could be some renegotiation or other conclusion suitable to both sides.

The dispute has not so far affected work at the company's fabrication yard at Linthouse or at its Scotstoun yard, but it is highly damaging for the company, which only two months ago received a further sum of Government money involving some £17.2m.

Agricultural machinery exports rise

By Hugh Clayton

Exports of farm machinery from Britain in the first eight months of this year were worth 57 per cent more than in the corresponding period of 1974. The Agricultural Engineers' Association said yesterday.

Mr Douglas Walker, president of the association, said at a press conference to announce arrangements for this year's Royal Smithfield Show, that the target for farm machinery exports this year had been £500m. Up to the end of August they had totalled £408m with, for example, the export figures of engines for tractors and combines rising 86 per cent to £44m.

Although the value of imports rose by only 36 per cent, some categories increased quickly. The value of imported tractors more than doubled in this period to 18 per cent of tractor sales to British farmers.

Mr Walker said that agricultural engineering had a favourable trade balance of almost £293m in the first eight months of the year, yet "the industry is subjected by some people to the charge that it is being swamped by imports and is largely owned by overseas investors".

He appealed for greater consultation with the Government. "Far too often decisions on farming matters are made by politicians without discussing the problem with us.

"A typical example is the new safety cab regulations which, it is estimated, will cost farmers £25m. We could have told the legislators this a long time ago and suggested ways of cutting the cost.

French union calls for state control of CII

Paris, Oct 27.—The Confédération des Cadres (CGC), a French white-collar union, today called for the Government to take "immediate and complete" control of Cie Internationale pour L'Informatique (CII), which is due to be merged with Cie Honeywell-Bull at the end of this month.

The demand follows similar calls made recently by the leftist Confédération Française du Travail (CFdT) and the communist-led Confédération Générale du Travil (CGT) for the outright nationalization of the French data-processing industry.

In an open letter to M Michel d'Ornano, the Minister for Industry, the CGC denounces the "incoherence" of the agreements with Honeywell-Bull and makes what it calls a "concrete" proposal to strengthen the French data-processing industry.

The union said it recognized that the forthcoming merger was inevitable, but urged that three steps should be taken.

First, the state should take complete and immediate control of CII;

Secondly, that financial aid from the Government to the offspring of the merger, CII-Honeywell-Bull, should be in the form of a participation in its capital;

Thirdly, that this participation should reduce Honeywell's share in the new company to less than that of a "blocking minority" of less than one-third.

Under an agreement signed last May, French interests will own 53 per cent of the merged company

Jobs scheme for redundant Innocenti men

Milan, Oct 27.—The Lombardy Regional Body today proposed a plan for re-employment of 1,500 workers of the Leyland-Innocenti car maker, due to be dismissed on November 3. It provides for a new unit, a joint enterprise between Italian state groups and British Leyland Innocenti's parent.

If agreed to by the Italian Government and unions, the plan could represent a last minute solution and alternative to Leyland Innocenti's ultimatum that it might close its Milan factory, employing 4,500 workers, if unions keep opposing the dismissal of one third of the manpower.

Regional government sources said the plan provided a unit making spare parts and other products for Innocenti with some state financing groups holding a majority interest and Innocenti a maximum 25 per cent stake.—AP-Dow Jones.

Volkswagen to hire workers

Wolfsburg, West Germany, Oct 27.—Volkswagenwerk AG plans to add about 1,500 production workers to its Audi-NSU plant staff in Ingolstadt early next year, a spokesman said yesterday. Earlier this month, the company announced it would hire 2,300 workers at its Wolfsburg plant and would begin immediately replacing workers who leave the Wolfsburg and Emden plants.

The hirings, which are subject to approval by employees works councils, mark a partial turnaround from the company's policy, announced last April, of reducing staff.

AP-Dow Jones.

Industrial grant and loan rates up

The maximum rate of interest relief grant and the interest rates for loans under the Industry Act were raised by ½ per cent yesterday. The new rate of interest relief grant is 13½ per cent for each interest free year.

At the same time, the Department of Industry has raised the concessionary rate of interest on loans for employment creating projects from 10 per cent to 10½ per cent, while the broadly commercial rate of interest on loans for modernization projects not providing additional employment is increased to 13½ per cent.

Restaurant group wound up

London Eating Houses Group which at the height of its success ran 74 steak houses, Wimpy bars and restaurants, was compulsorily wound up in the High Court yesterday. Mr Justice Oliver made the order on the company's own petition, based on insolvency.

The company, which has been in receivership since early September, was founded by Mr Ali Salih. It had employed 800 workers. Mr Michael Lloyd, for the company, said it was insolvent and unable to pay its debts. The Department of Health and Social Security had claims totalling £22,000.

Business appointments

New board members for Reed

Mr J. H. Harvey-Jones and Mr J. H. Macdonald have been appointed to the board of Reed International.

Mr William Otley has joined the board of UBM Group with responsibilities for finance. Mr Michael Bews has become secretary to the board.

Mr Andrew M. Russell, treasurer and general manager of the Bank of Scotland, is now chairman of The Committee of Scottish Clearing Bankers. He succeeds Mr Alexander Macmillan, chief general manager of the Clydesdale Bank.

Mr R. K. Bishop, deputy chief general manager of Phoenix Assurance will, with effect from January 1, relinquish the management of the group's home operations and will assume the management of the group's general operations overseas. Mr A. R. Matanle will become general manager (home) in charge of the general operations of the group in the United Kingdom and the Republic of Ireland.

Mr P. Gorb, who resigned as deputy managing director of the Burton Group with effect from September 1, has now ceased to be a member of the board and its subsidiaries.

Mr John Griffin has been made managing director of the United Glass closures and plastics division. He succeeds Mr Robin Wood, who is joining Rotaflex (Great Britain) as managing director of its European operation.

Mr C. W. Shuter has become general manager (international) of Standard Chartered Bank in succession to Mr J. Battersby.

British Leyland Special Products Group, which embraces all the specialist engineering activities of the company, has announced its senior management team, reporting directly to managing director Mr David Abell: Mr D. A. Field, managing director, Prestcold Holdings; Major General A. G. Lewis, managing director, Alvis: Mr A. Cheetham, managing director, Aveling-Barford; Mr R. P. Lister, managing director, Coventry Climax Engines; Mr P. B. Durrant, operations director, Specialist Equipment Operations; Mr J. J. Field, general manager, Nuffield Press; Mr B. D. Hoare, finance director, Leyland Special Products Group; Mr W. Sneddon, personnel director, Leyland Special Products Group.

Mr Charles J. Donovan has been named a senior vice-president of M. W. Kellogg Company.

Dr Alan Wilson has become medical director of the Association of the British Pharmaceutical Industry.

Mr Nicholas Samuel is now a director of Samuel Properties.

Mr Clement Samms has joined Polypenco as managing director. He was previously a director of Alenco. Mr J. D. R. Machin becomes deputy chairman and continues as European vice-president of the parent company, Polymer Corporation.

Mr C. M. Moore, export sales manager of BICC's telephone cables division, has been appointed export sales manager of BICC Telecommunication Cables. Mr Eric Priestley becomes home sales manager, United Kingdom and Eire, of BICC Telecommunications Cables.

Mr Jack Hollands has succeeded Lord Buckhurst as chairman of Re-Chem International.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dogmatic policies over jobs

From Mr R. W. Holder

Sir, The efforts being made by the Government to mitigate the social affects of unemployment among the young should not obscure the continuing problems of employment in manufacturing industry. We do not cure the disease by trying to treat one of the symptoms.

Managers and owners of businesses are anxious to see growth for personal as for national reasons but they find themselves forced into inactivity as a man caught in a hurricane fears to move because he may be swept away.

The hurricane has been generated by the actions of Government which, as Mr Chapple comments, stumbles from one short-sighted decision to the next because it does not understand the nature of wealth-producing industry. The Economist too speaks of the death of risk-taking in Britain now that no private business gamble can pay off.

The forces comprising the hurricane are well understood. We have a programme of legislation affecting industry based on dogma rather than on a desire to increase national prosperity. There is an obsession with nationalization and other irrelevant interference in industry. There is excessive public expenditure financed by overseas borrowing, counter-productive personal taxation and a rapidly depreciating currency.

Lord Butler once wrote: "Unless confidence and incentive are adopted as keynotes of policy, I would wager the whole of the gold and convertible currency reserves that no future Chancellor, whatever his political complexion, will succeed in the long run." To which might be added, unless there is a rapid realization by Government as to by whom and how wealth is created, no future Chancellor will have any reserves to wager.

Those industrialists whose policy is to support the elected Government of the day are finding themselves powerless to help this one, either by participating in public affairs or by promoting growth in the companies which employ them.

When I resigned on April 1, 1974, from The English Industrial Estates Corporation, to which a Labour Government had appointed me, I wrote to the Secretary of State a letter which included the following paragraphs:

"Your Government has introduced measures and promised others, which will further damage industrial expansion and security of employment. In addition, you have introduced special sanctions against those who save and invest rather than spend and consume even though, as your statistics confirm, you release no fresh resources but merely transfer their savings to the State.

"There is no sense in trying to extend outposts when the central fortress is under attack. If Government initiates policies which harm manufacturing industry, places jobs at risk, inhibits growth and penalizes initiative. I must concentrate on maintaining the jobs of my fellow-employees and on keeping our overseas customers happy."

In issuing the same warning today, we can see what 21 months of anti-industrial legislation have achieved. Government should now start to act in the knowledge that investment comes from savings as wealth comes from the production of goods.

We need an end to dogmatic policies and a break from legislation. Only then can we start creating jobs which also create prosperity for everyone and so start back on the long road towards recovering our national pride.

Yours faithfully,
R. W. HOLDER,
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West Monkton,
Taunton,
Somerset.
October 10.

Docks finances: more positive attitude needed

From Mr Donald Royal

Sir, Sir Arthur Kirby's defence of the takeover of the Felixstowe Dock by the British Transport Dock Board is understandable. Contrary to his belief, I am well aware of the performance of the BTDB. The fact that the board has paid considerable interest to the Treasury is irrelevant: if one borrows money that is just what one is expected to do.

The BTDB is in a privileged position: it is a monopoly; it has a captive home market and no political threat when attempting to raise finance. It may well have invested in new capital equipment, but is that equipment fully utilized in the best interests of employees and the nation?

It has failed, in 12 years, to encourage ships bringing goods to Europe to use our ports to discharge cargoes for dispersement to Continental ports. Instead, far too many vessels steam up the Channel, past the Thames Estuary and turn sharply to starboard into Rotterdam. This is what the BTDB should have arrested. Given the same stable conditions, private enterprise would have undoubtedly achieved this.

A more positive attitude towards attracting income which would otherwise go elsewhere would almost certainly provide many more secure, well-paid jobs and real profits for the nation. Again, I repeat, enterprise is our only long-term guarantee for economic survival and rising living standards; any attempt to stifle the entrepreneur is a victory for our competitors.

Yours faithfully,
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Gas bill stability

From Mr Gerald East

Sir, Your correspondent, Mr Paul Mather (October 17), takes a swipe at the East Midland Gas Board and implies exorbitant inflation by a "monopoly" undertaking.

My own experience leads me to think that over the last twelve years my gas bill has been one of the most stable items in my domestic budget. I have therefore dug out the bills and compiled the table which appears below.

Consumption has been fairly steady over the period and the third column shows the total cost of a year's supply on a two-part tariff, plus regular inspection, spare parts and, latterly, "fuel surcharge".

Gas-fired central heating was installed in September, 1964, and during the first twelve months we were a bit extravagant until we learned how to adjust the programmer to the most economical performance. Since then the unit price has risen—gently—until 1971 when the advent of North Sea Gas dropped the overall rate per therm to the 1966 level. It has only recently passed the 1969 level again.

12 months to Aug 31	Therms	Total Cost
1965	2135	£163 18s 0d
1966	1842	143 9 9[1]
1967	1722	135 12 5
1968	1748	139 7 8
1969	1790	155 1 7
1970	1845	160 10 0
1971	1849	149.28p[2]
1972	2000	157.18
1973	1842	158.42
1974	1868	161.26[3]
1975	1753	172.16

[1] (£2 15 3 per week)
[2] (N Sea Gas)
[3] (£3.10 per week)

It is worth remarking that if 1975 had been colder the weekly cost might have reached £3.95. But this is a much smaller percentage of the national average weekly take-home pay today than £2 15 3 was in 1965.

For my part I am glad that at least one item of expenditure has suffered less the 20 per cent inflation in ten years—say 1.9 per cent annually (simple rate, not compound)!

Yours faithfully,
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Sandilands failure over inflation accounting

From Professor D. R. Myddelton

Sir, Mr N. Pilkington is wrong to suggest that the Sandilands report adhered "firmly" to the concept of operating profit. Paragraph 77 states: "The extent to which a given amount of total gain is regarded as profit may vary between nil and 100 per cent, depending on the point of view of the individual or company involved...". Actually, the possibility of losses means that the variance could be even wider—between plus infinity and minus infinity!

Unadjusted historic cost accounting certainly needs adjustment to allow for inflation. This is the purpose of current purchasing power accounting. Unfortunately the Sandilands report completely fails to deal with the question of accounting for inflation. Hence Sandilands would logically have to make the same accounting proposals even if there were no inflation.

As to consistency, the Sandilands tax recommendations are not the same as the accounting recommendations, and give rise to extensive use of deferred tax accounts. Only with regard to capital gains tax does the report suggest any allowance for inflation, and that is hardly consistent since Sandilands regards a 1965 pound as equivalent to a 1975 pound.

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Satisfaction of creation

From Mr K. A. Yeomans

Sir, Sir Arthur Kirby suggests (October 16) that young men are reluctant to go into production management because of the widely publicized difficulties associated with the management of labour, frustration in which detracts from "the otherwise satisfying task of making things".

May I suggest that such a young man should first seek employment for two or three years in the actual labour of making things and only then, after experience of the frustrations of the workplace, transfer to the intellectually more demanding task of managing a production unit to make fullest use of the resources and labour skills to which he has responsibility.

In this bureaucratic era he will not escape difficulties with the representatives who speak for the organized workforce but, since he will have some experience of their viewpoint, he will not see the subsequent negotiations merely as a frustration of his authority.

Workpeople also seek the satisfaction of creation, albeit by the exercise of their skills.

Yours faithfully,
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THE TIMES

The Times Veuve Clicquot Champagne Award for A Woman in a Man's World



For the third year The Times Newspaper and Veuve Clicquot Champagne are collaborating to find a candidate for their Award for "A WOMAN IN A MAN'S WORLD."

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Pre-tax profit	£ 653,151	£ 561,824	£ 421,894
Dividends	58.5%	52.8%	50.4%

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BY THE FINANCIAL EDITOR

Slater's strategic share stakes

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But I think that the ve provided buying ities.

r I am abandoning my terday, that a break-up obable consequence of developmems. Last e word from Slater, as that there is to be diate change in policy roup's stakes in other ompanies; but sooner I think they will be this is not to say that be coming up for sale pen market. If that case then, granted, uld still be plenty of potential; for in the of a would-be bidder to snap up the stake, ct on the share price ding onto the market per cent of Rockware, tance, which Slater, still holds, or the 26.8 of James Finlay, would dly be great. And in ent climate I do not t potential bidders are emerge.

ntrast to the property however, the stock is, if very subdued by ndards, still operating; companies in which Walker has stakes are ans unmarketable duds. price those stakes can d. At what price de- the new management's to sell; but I think that the Slater, Walker exer- ar has been directed to that there is no haste dizing assets.

from anything else sheet considerations— Valker takes in most of tments at cost—require ons at the best price

In any case the size vestments involved has pt in perspective: even for the improvement in ket since the end-1974 sheet date, the sum till be short of that n, say, the CU rights and these stakes are ss indigestible.



Mr John Buckley, chairman of Alfred Herbert: "starting all over again."

a trans-Channel company, is not an easy company to get to grips with. Essentially, though, it is an investment holding company not dissimilar with what SW was at the end of the 1960s. Its interests in banking and insurance banking are overshadowed by its 20 per cent stake in the Cavenham food giant and the 47 per cent stake in the United Kingdom property company, Argyle Securities.

And it was during the early history of Argyle that Slater and Goldsmith were brought into close contact, not least because SW was Argyle's financial advisers up to 1972. Indeed Argyle itself was in the SW stable five years ago until the subsequent expansion of Argyle reduced the SW holding and by 1973 it no longer had any shares at all. But SW continued to play an active role in Argyle's development when the latter took over Cornwall Property, up to then a SW satellite with an ex-SW director, Mr R. A. Shuck, as chairman.

More recently, Argyle has helped SW disengage from the French property scene by taking over its substantial interest in Compagnie Financière Haussmann.

Mr Goldsmith has also been a useful ally to SW in the investment trust field, buying out Slater's stake in two of its investment trusts, Flag and Irish, on terms that were advantageous to Anglo-Continental but equally fitted Jim Slater's quest for cash.

SWS unit trusts

Third in the league

When the dust has finally settled on the Slater affair it may well be that the least glamorous feature of the old empire, the £180m unit trust group, will emerge as the jewel of whatever is left of the crown.

Enlarged by the assets of the Jessel and National unit trust groups in late 1974 and early 1975, Slater, Walker is now reckoned to be the third largest force in this industry and one with not an unreasonable performance record. Like its master, the Slater trusts went liquid last year.

Unlike the situation some three to four years ago, the Slater unit trusts are not heavily invested in Slater, Walker companies or associates—Estates House apart. Incestuous holdings which at one time did amount to 20-25 per cent of the unit trust portfolios were transferred when Slater adopted equity accounting. Slater "shares" now represent around 3 per cent of the funds' portfolio.

But while there is little doubt about the soundness of the unit trust group, which made profits of over £1m during a year of consolidation, it is bound to attract the attention of the new board's factfinders either with dismemberment in mind or even a simple source of cash if its disposal could be arranged. The same also applies to Slater, Walker Insurance.

Assuming a purchaser could be found—Save and Prosper, for example, would more than likely run head-on into the Monopolies Commission if it tried and it would create huge trust merger problems for most other well-established groups—probably from the clearing or merchant bank world, then how much would the group be worth? The vendors' price would probably be in the order of 4 per cent of funds under management, but few buyers would be willing to pay much over 2 per cent.

Slater, Walker Insurance with £63m of funds, principally life, would also create pricing problems. There is about £25m of guaranteed income bonds in the life fund due for redemption in 1982-83—leaving a rather smaller on-going life business on which to base calculations. On the other hand, the matched income bonds are currently showing the life office a £15m profit on redemption dates. And a point here which will not have gone unnoticed is that Hambros, now joint-adviser to Slater, Walker, could be interested in buying the insurance companies, eventually given its Hambro Life business.

Alfred Herbert

Government generosity

Alfred Herbert's ordinary shareholders can rest assured that the 6p a share cash they are being offered is fair. They would get nothing now in a liquidation, and they almost certainly would have got nothing if the group had been wound up a year ago when the Government intervened to keep it trading.

True, there were political elements in the state's intervention then, among them rising unemployment in Coventry. But at that time there were £16.3m of prior charges (bank loans and debentures) to be met in a break up ahead even of the trade creditors. Total claims would probably have reached £20m against shareholders funds of £17.6m much of which took the form of probably unsaleable stocks. The situation will have worsened considerably since with operating losses probably having reached £6.5m this year.

True too, the Industrial Development Advisory Board recommended receivership for Herbert in January against the wishes of Mr Benn, the then Industry Secretary, to keep it trading under government guarantee. The board though did this, it seems, not to protect the equity interest but in the firm belief that it was worth nothing and should no longer participate in an ongoing concern.

Inflation accounting: when profits and potential insolvency go hand in hand

Charles Kennedy

It is sometimes argued that when interest rates are high they contain an element intendede to cover the lender against inflation. It has been suggested to us that in recognition of this, the 'gain' to the shareholders' interest arising from a company financing its activities by borrowing during a time on inflation shou'd be credited to the profit and loss account on the grounds that it offsets this element of the interest charge. .. ..

"However, we do not accept this for two reasons. First, because current cost profit excludes all holding gains it would be incorrect to credit to the profit and loss account any part of the holding gains arising from the upward revaluation of fixed assets, whether or not the assets have been financed by borrowings. Secondly, rates of interest are governed mainly by the supply and demand for money itself and can be lower (as they probably are at present) than the rate of inflation experienced by lenders. The feasibility of identifying an element in the interest charge to compensate the lender for inflation is therefore doubtful.

(Sandilands Report, paragraph 539.)

I have always found it a good working hypothesis to suppose that if an opinion or judgment is being supported by weak arguments, then it is quite probable that that opinion or judgment is mistaken.

The paragraphs of the Sandilands Report that I have quoted above make it clear that neither Messrs Godley and Cripps (*The Times*, October 1) nor I myself in the unpublished paper generously referred to in Mr Jay's article (*The Times*, October 16) have any claim to originality for the idea that we quite independently put forward, that the geared part of the holding gains should be brought into the profit and loss account.

But I am here concerned with the Committee's two arguments for rejecting the idea. The first need not detain us long. In logic it is unsafe to justify a principle by the principle itself. Moreover, as Godley and Cripps rightly pointed out, the committee's earlier arguments for excluding holding gains from profit had followed a discussion of different concepts of profit which related entirely to an ungeared company.

The second argument is more interesting. Does it mean that if the rate of interest had been higher than the rate of inflation or if they had been able to identify an element in the interest charge to compensate the lender for inflation, their view might have been different? If so, it would have the very curious implication that companies would have been allowed to report larger profits if the rate of interest had been higher.

It was because of dissatisfaction with these two arguments that I thought it would be useful to put the various proposals for inflation accounting through what I want to call the pure inflation test. In a pure inflation, prices rise, but the rise in prices has no effect on anything real in the economy.

The two conditions for a pure inflation are first that all prices should rise in exactly the same proportion, and secondly that the money rate of interest should accommodate itself to the inflation so as to leave the real rate of interest unchanged.

Needless to say, I do not believe that pure inflations ever occur. My argument is simply this. An inflation accounting system that does not give sensible answers even in conditions of pure inflation cannot be the right one to use in the actual impure inflations we may encounter.

I do not wish to argue that the converse holds, and that an accounting system which gives sensible answers in a pure inflation should automatically be accepted. We may still want to reject it because it fails to deal adequately with impurities.

These distinctions seem to me very relevant to the debate. The current purchasing power (CPP) method gives entirely sensible answers in a pure inflation, but we may want to reject it because it fails to deal adequately with the differential effects of inflation. On the other hand, the Sandilands proposals give nonsensical answers in a pure inflation whenever there is any element of debt finance in a company's financial structure.

If we are to adhere to the current cost (CC) method, the Sandilands proposals have to be amended so as to take proper account of debt finance, and it is this amendment on which Mr Gibbs (*The Times*, September 18), Messrs Godley and Cripps, Mr Jay and I insist.

Mr Gibbs will no doubt be wanting to remind the rest of us that in our concentration on debt finance we must not forget to insist on an amendment in respect of financial assets as well.

There is nothing in the defence of Sandilands by Professor Merrett and Mr Sykes (*The Times*, October 20 and the *Financial Times*, October 15) that persuades me that the simple arguments I have tried to set out above are invalid.

The great Austrian-American economist Schumpeter, in his superb *History of Economic Analysis*, was not above attributing special vices to particular economists. There was a Ricardian Vice and—yes—a Keynesian Vice. After an exhausting conducted tour of petrol stations and cash-and-carry warehouses, with an occasional climb up a flight of stairs to the offices of a consultancy business, a tour on which my readers will be glad to learn that I do not intend to take them again myself, I think we can begin to identify the nature of the Merrett-and-Sykes Vice.

It is to confuse questions of measurement with questions of what actually happens, and to allow what actually happens to alter the markings on the measuring-rod rather than to use those markings in such a way as to inform on what actually happens.

I think also that this confusion rests on another, perhaps simpler, one: a confusion of solvency with profitability. Merrett and Sykes simply cannot bring themselves to believe that a potentially insolvent company can at the same time be a profitable one, and so they bend their measure of profit so as to rule out, or at least make very unlikely, any such possibility.

But it is this very coexistence of profitability and potential insolvency that is one of the most striking characteristics of inflation, and especially of the inflation we have been experiencing, in which the money rate of interest has failed fully to accommodate itself to the inflation, so that the real rate of interest has become negative.

We need a measure of profit that reveals, and does not conceal, this characteristic. Otherwise, if we are not careful, we shall find the potential insolvency of many profitable companies being translated into actual insolvency.

A different, but related, point has to be made in order to prevent a possible misconception. The proposals of Godley and Cripps and myself use a concept of profit that is based on the continuation of the existing financial strength of the company, as measured by the ratio of debt to shareholders' funds. But this is simply a matter of measurement, and implies no condonation of the existing level of gearing or judgment as to the merits or demerits of gearing as such.

For my own part, I can only say that I probably have stricter views on gearing than almost anyone else in my profession. Given that we have limited liability, and I am not even entirely convinced that this in the long run is either necessary or desirable, I would, if I had my way, want to impose very stringent statutory limitations on the borrowing powers of public companies, though I would think it wise to introduce these limitations cautiously.

These ultramontane views on gearing, however, in no way prevent me from recognizing the inadequacy of a proposed accounting system, which, at a time when the real rate of interest has become negative, would show up a geared company as having made lower profits than an otherwise exactly similar ungeared company.

If the Government should endorse unamended the Sandilands recommendations, I have little doubt that it will later go down to history as having done a very foolish thing.

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World shipping in the throes of the worst recession since the thirties

By Michael Baily
Shipping Correspondent

Since time immemorial shipowners have been able to comfort themselves when times were bad with the thought that if only they could hang on long enough good times would return. Theirs has been a notoriously cyclical industry: anticipating, reflecting, and usually exaggerating the booms and slumps in world trade.

Feast or famine, rags or riches (though some of the shrewder ones have consistently conjured riches out of rags too) has been the stuff of tramp shipowning, whether tankers or dry cargo.

The spectre confronting the industry now is that the circus has stopped, at the worst possible time. Huge quantities of tonnage were ordered, in familiar style, at the peak of the last boom in 1973 (how extraordinary it is to recall, less than three year later, that the panic cry of the day was that it was impossible to order a new ship; there simply wasn't enough shipyard capacity in the world to build the tankers the world was about to need).

Since then, in equally familiar style, the slump has arrived—tanker rates have dropped from Worldscale 150 to 15, and huge quantities of shipping have been laid up rather than sail at rates that do not cover costs.

In the present state of the world economy, almost no one now expects the boom that ought to have come next year if the cycle had followed its familiar path. On the contrary, the question is: can the industry achieve equilibrium, never mind a boom, by 1980, or is the dislocation such that it will take a decade from now to sort out?

The statistics of the situation are broadly as follows: After rising at a rate of 7 to 8 per cent a year for several years, the volume of world trade has probably fallen about 10 per cent this year, and is not expected to rise more than marginally next. According to one estimate circulated recently (by BP), oil traffic is unlikely to grow by more than 2 per cent a year between now and 1980; and the expectation that world trade generally will expand at a not much greater rate—perhaps 5 per cent a year at most from 1976-7—is widespread.

On this reckoning the volume of traffic will not reach the 1974 level again until 1977, by which time the carrying capacity of the world merchant fleet will have increased by over a third, from last year's level of about 450 million tons to more than 600 million.

The crunch comes in tankers, of which to a fleet of about 250 million tons at the beginning of this year more than 150 million tons were scheduled to be added through new construction over the next three years. Already the surplus of tanker supply over tanker demand is estimated at more than 100 million tons.

Of this about 40 million is laid up and the remainder accounted for by various kinds of slack in the system: slow steaming, delays in port and so on.

It was against this background that international tanker owners, oil companies and bankers met in London recently to try to agree measures that would help to narrow the gap between supply and demand over the next five years instead of letting it get wider: accelerated scrapping and cancellation of existing orders being the main ones.

About 50 million tons of tanker orders are thought to have been cancelled already, but the BP study suggests that if the gap between supply and demand is to be narrowed to 10 per cent by 1980 about 150 million tons needs to be cancelled or scrapped. If the Suez Canal is developed as Egypt plans, the total would be about 180 million tons.

The dry cargo situation is less serious. The bulk carrier fleet of around 100 million tons is expected to grow only to about 120 million, or 7 per cent a year and combined carriers from about 40 million to under 50 million deadweight tons over the next 2 to 3 years.

Moreover their market, helped by the latest United States-Russian grain deal, is expected to grow faster. Nevertheless, surpluses are still expected for many years, one leading analyst putting it at seven million tonnes for large bulkers alone by 1980.

How reliable are these forecasts? Some say not very. As a leading Japanese owner remarked recently, the one thing you can rely on is that the forecasters will get it wrong: they always have.

He predicts a sharp upturn next year after recent signs of a take-off in the United States, and a good chance of a freight market boom at any time.

Most people would question that. No doubt the cycle will continue, and it may continue its recent tendency of getting both more frequent (down from about seven years between peaks to about three over the past 20 years) and more violent, as a larger proportion of the world fleet withdraws from the spot market to the partial insulation of long-term charter.

But the big question is: is spaceship earth undergoing a sea change, leading to a lower rate of economic growth than today's generation has become accustomed to? If it is, shipowners, particularly tanker-owners, could have at least five years more of sweating it out, but by then they should have adjusted.

A much more deep-seated problem is that of the shipyards, which are geared to produce anything up to twice the quantity of tonnage such a world would need.

In such a situation governments, instead of giving them backdoor help in order to make shipowners cut-price offers, should be working out how world shipbuilding could be rationalized. The British Government, besides having to sort out problems like the present one of Swan Hunter's flirtation with tanker owning, may find itself involved in trotting out a new, and no doubt costly, version of the shipbuilders' security scheme which took capacity off the market in similar circumstances in the 1930s.

It all depends, of course, on the sea-change theory being correct; and on that the analysts' guesses are worth no more than anyone else's.

Michael Baily

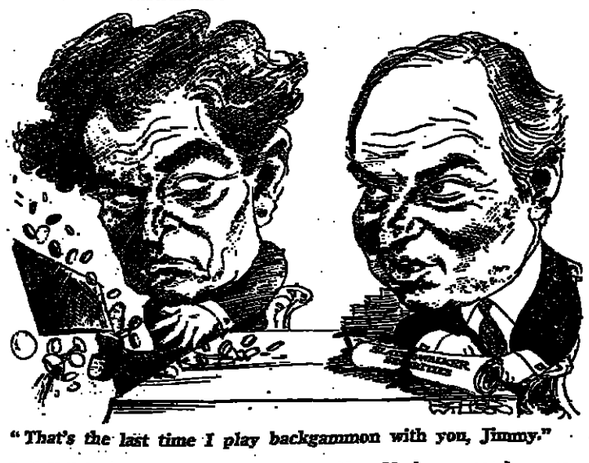
Business Diary: Book stall • Vokos' City Press

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Slater, still shying n journalists yester- will now be busying a less dramatic pro- as helping finance up of the Claremont me of the Christian public school, whose a thing or too about thinking" and who some words of advice helpful neighbour in



"That's the last time I play backgammon with you, Jimmy."

N York optimist

New York's financial plight seems to have produced more critics than sympathisers, but Norborne Berkeley is one of the latter breed.

Berkeley, who is president of the city's Chemical Bank, was in London yesterday and explained that although Chemical, like other big New York City banks, is a big holder of city bonds, there was more to his concern than that.

Default, which can now be headed off only by federal action, would not put any of the banks at risk, while profits are currently big enough to stand some denting.

It would, however, harm the country by undermining confidence, and, therefore, push up still further the cost of raising money for other big cities, and make it harder for them to wrestle with their mounting social problems.

New York City's social problems are as bad as any of course, with thousands of people crowding into the city and having to live on public assistance.

But, says Berkeley: "The huge influx of deprived people into New York was not because of anything the city did; it was part of a national phenomenon caused by the increasing mechanization of our economy, and we are going to need national solutions."

While he thinks it will be difficult to convince President Ford so long as so many small towns feel the big cities should get themselves out of their own mess, he does detect growing pressure for federal action, possibly in a package guaranteeing municipal finances across the country.

Should this happen, Berkeley says, then the economic recovery would really take off. There would be a "significant" improvement on Wall Street, and interest rates would steady relecting a moderate, six to 6.5 per cent inflation next year.

Paper chase

About four times as many rivals as expected turned up to wish godspeed to the revamped financial weekly *City Press* in London yesterday.

The paper's publisher, Themistocles Vokos, editor Robert Hawkins and his staff writers were perhaps more used to being at such events to write *about other people than to be* written up themselves.

Nevertheless, whatever the competition for readers and for advertising, there was a roar of "Good luck!" as Hawkins finished his brief speech of welcome on the day the first issue hit the streets.

Vokos, the 37-year-old Greek who acquired the 118-year-old paper earlier this year, said that in its new role as a European financial weekly, it would each Monday morning review the previous week's events and look forward to those of the following few days.

With the Slater Walker bombshell bursting on Friday, it must be said that the new paper was hardly quick off the mark whether looking backwards or forwards.

The *City Press's* SW story is relegated to page 21 of the 28-page paper, and adds nothing to what had appeared in Saturday and Sunday's papers.

There is, however, a passing reference to SW in the front-page editorial which proclaims *City Press's* "special brief for promoting and protecting London's financial services to the benefit of all who use them".

Vokos says that his new paper will return to the SW story in forthcoming issues, but that it was not possible to do more for this first issue as there was nothing coming out of Singapore.



City Press's Vokos yesterday.

*He said that the paper's pro-*City line did not mean that there would be any soft-pedalling on issues and people the City would rather forget about.

The whole idea of revamping the paper as a European business weekly was that it would be more aggressive than its rather "sleepy", City-orientated former self, he went on.

Vokos, who also published *Seatrade* magazine, said he saw the *City Press* as a base from which to launch an organization that would organize conferences and publish yearbooks and newsletters.

Off the peg

Peter Gorb, who in July announced that he was resigning as deputy managing director of the Burton Group from September 1, yesterday completed the departure from the company.

His link with the group is now only tenuous. His present position as a visiting member of staff at the London Business School arose through the association he had with the school because of the Burton design awards scheme which he pioneered.

Now immersed in his sabbatical year at the school—yesterday he was busy involved in seminars, tutorials and a cocktail party to meet even newer members of the staff—it is understood that Gorb is planning a move into management consultancy.

Meanwhile, at Burtons there are no immediate plans to appoint a new deputy to joint chairman and managing director Ladislas Rice, who with his fellow directors will no doubt continue to work to repair the damage done to the company's image by the report, published last April, by stockbrokers J. and A. Scrimgeour.

The report was critical of the company's management structure and its policy of diversification and management changes were expected in its wake.

Globe Investment Trust
LIMITED

Interim Report (Unaudited) for the six months ended 30th September, 1975.

Earnings	Six months ended 30th September 1975	1974
Gross Revenue	£2,901,000	£2,595,000
Earnings before taxation	£2,463,000	£2,167,000
Taxation	925,000	766,000
Earnings after taxation	£1,538,000	£1,401,000

Interim Dividend
The Directors have declared an unchanged interim dividend of 0.95p per stock unit absorbing £896,314 and payable on 29th December, 1975 to stockholders on the register on 28th November, 1975.

Assets	30th September 1975	31st March 1975
Investments at Market Value or Valuation	£109,039,000	£91,544,000
Net Assets	£96,463,000	£81,190,000
Net asset value per stock unit of 25p	102½p	86p
Net asset value per stock unit of 25p allowing for full conversion of Loan Stock	103½p	88⅜p

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FINANCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Stock markets

Slater rescue steadies equities

The resilience of the London stock market continues to astound even its keenest observers. If ever one day's trading proved that the market was on the way "up", yesterday was that day.

To begin with the shock waves of Mr Jim Slater's resignation from Slater Walker Securities were felt in every corner—though the fact that there was a full weekend between the event and the start of trading, doubtless cushioned the blow.

By 11 pm, the *FT* Index had lost more than 10 points and was back below the 350 mark, but from then on, the trend was reversed and by the close the index was a mere 2.7 down to 354.0.

Trading was said to be reasonable with a certain amount of institutional demand and the initial weakness was the result of jobbers marking down rather than any degree of selling.

Slater Walker itself was the second most active stock of the day, though dealers said no busier than on any other good day.

Starting at 35p, some bear closing firmed the shares a couple of pence but from that point on dealing was in "bits and pieces", with no large *lines changing hands.*

The market is of the opinion that SWS is basically sound but that it will be many months *before its future is spelled out.* The shares closed 2p firmer at 37p.

Mr Slater's departure casts a cloud over *shares in many companies* in which SWS has significant *stakes. Nervous holders* feared that the newly-constituted board of SWS may prescribe selling off shares, which are considerably more marketable than properties at present.

But selling was in no case on any great scale and dealers commented that there were no signs of any major liquidations, even where such sales would have been possible in yesterday's rather thin markets.

Hardest hit was **James Finlay**, whose shares dropped by 10p to 130p as investors pondered the eventual destiny of the 27 per cent of the equity held by Slater Walker Securities, at last balance sheet date.

Other weak spots included **Whitecroft**, the Manchester textile, engineering and building group which dipped 2p to 97p in the shadow of Slater's 20 per cent holding. **Baker Perkins**, 15 per cent held by SWS, shed 2p to 45p. **Rockware Group**, 29 per cent held, shed 3p to 61p. **Central Wagon**, 11 per cent held, 1p to 26p, and **Mount Charlotte Investments**, 19 per cent held, 1p to 31p. **Lubok Investments**, from which Mr Slater has also resigned as chairman, slipped by 3½p to 16p.

The gilt-edged market had a quiet session with most sections hardening as the day progressed.

One share particularly unhappy with the SWS developments was **Cavenham** where the prospect of its chairman, Mr James Goldsmith, devoting much of his time to SWS sent the shares tumbling 6p to 140p. Other foods were also down, with **Lyons** "A" a particularly soft spot—at 136p down by 4p, **Sainsbury** 3p easier to 162p and even **Tate & Lyle**, a firm share for some weeks, losing a point to 229p.

Most of the "blue chips" recorded early losses of up to 10p, but some of the best recoveries were staged by **Unilever**, which actually managed to end 2p ahead at 402p, **Glaxo**, unchanged at 340p, and **British American Tobacco**, also unmoved at 322p.

On the debit side, both **ICI** 294p and **Fisons** 378p lost a couple of points, while **Tube Investments** could do no better than a close of 275p, a drop of 5p.

Against the news background, both general and specific, banks were not happy with **Barclays** 259p and **National Westminster** 240p both losing 5p, **Lloyds** 3p down to 233p and **Midland** 2p off to 288p.

Other financial shares had insurances at a fairly firm level with both, **Royal** 312p and **General Accident** 165p, ending unchanged and **Sun Alliance** giving up a couple of pence to 430p.

Also firm were properties which, where changed, were generally a penny or two better. **New London**, where there is a bid from **Pearl**, added 5p to 240p, both the ordinary and "A" of **Hammerson** rose 2p to 332p and **Brixton Estates** firmed a point 75p.

Isolated spots had **Alfred Herbert** unchanged at 5½p after details of the rescue plan, **Thomas Poole & Gladstone** suspended at 3½p, **Atlas Stone** no less than 17p better, at 115p, after a revised bid of that price from *Eternit*, **Furness Withy** losing 4p to 223p ahead of *results and* **Reed International**, still reflecting last week's *recurn, adding another 9p to* 239p and providing one of the best spots of the day. Another good market was **Robb Caledon**, which put on 5p to 38p.

Buildings like **AP Cement**, and **Marley** were a shade off at 186p and 50p, while **Percy Bilton** stayed at 146p after good interim results.

Mixed exnerience in electricals had **EMI** off 3p to 226p and **Thorn** a couple of pence firmer to 204p. Oils recovered from a dull start to end little changed with **BP** half a point off at 585p and **Shell** 2p better, to 376p. Easier metal levels led gold shares up to 25p easier.

Companies reporting had **London and Provincial Poster** unchanged at 82p, **Highlands & Lowlands Rubber** 2p off to 38½p, **Highgate Optical** a penny firmer at 24p and **Golden Hope Plantations** losing half a penny to 41½p. **Western Motor** added 5p to 25p and **MFI Warehouse** rose 6p to 27p on favourable comment.

The afternoon rally was extended to after hours trading. The leaders improved a penny or two while **Cavenham** came back 2p. SWS stayed at 3.30 levels while the four clearers picked up 2p to 4p in banks. Several gold shares added amounts of up to 25p and oils also made headway with **MP** prominent. Gilts often put on up to one-eighth.

Gilts were quiet. An easier tone was noticed in the morning, but it did not amount to much. Most sections of the market hardened during the *day and finished unchanged.* Equity turnover on October 24 was £83.66m (16,821 bargains). According to Exchange Telegraph, active stocks yesterday were ICI, Slater Walker, BP, MFI Warehouse, Shell, Marks & Spencer, Tecalemit, Grand Metropolitan new, British American Tobacco, Glaxo, Hawker Siddeley, P & O, Beechams, IC Gas new, Sirdar, Robb Caledon, Midland Industries, Atlas Stone, Estates House Investment, Valor and Baker Perkins.

Profits for the half-year to last September are due from Courtaulds next month. Many are going for no more than £15m after earlier boardroom warnings of slump, but they may be as good as £20m thanks to paint and slightly better times in man-made fibres. The shares rose 1p to 142p yesterday.

An interesting technical position has arisen in the shares of housebuilder David Charles. Oppressed by last week's announcement of a one-for-one rights issue at par, they have now sunk from 35p to 27p despite a dividend up by the most allowed and a reassuring forecast. They could go higher as the position unwinds.

Latest dividends

Company (and par values)	Ord div	Year ago	Pay date	Year's total	Prev year
Percy Bilton (25p) Int	4.02	1.42	2/1	—	3.76
Br Inv Trust (25p) Int	1.5	1.5	8/12	—	3.35
Cen & For Inv (25p) Int	0.78	0.78	1/12	—	2.39
Golden Hope Plnt (10p) Fin	1.55	1.47	18/12	1.96	1.84
Highgate Opt (10p) Int	0.51	0.48	19/12	—	1.85
Ldn & Prov Poster (50p) Int	2.68	2.68	12/12	—	7.89
Outwich Inv Tst (25p) Int	0.55	0.50	28/11	—	1.75
Randalls Grp (25p) Int	1.43	1.47	16/12	—	3.86
Sirdar (25p) Fin	1.33	1.24	—	2.28	2.14
Sec Scot Inv (25p) Fin	1.20	2.10	—	1.87	2.75
Taylor, Pallister (25p) Int	0.83	0.83	8/1	—	3.68
W Tyzack (25p) Fin	1.33	1.30	12/12	2.46	2.30
Western Mtr Hlds (25p) Int	0.65	—	2/1	—	—

Dividends in this table are shown net of tax on pence per share. Elsewhere in Business News dividends are shown on a gross basis. To establish gross, multiply the net dividend by 1.54.

Percy Bilton usefully ahead and record year is in sight

By Ashley Druker

Fortunate enough to have arranged long-term finance at between 6½ to 7½ per cent before such money dried up, property development group Percy *Bilton*, with proved defensive strength compared with most in the sector, has again done well. For good measure second-half profits should match those *now reported* for the six months to June 30.

Turnover rose a bit from £12.79m to £13.18m (and against £25m for the preceding year), and pre-tax profits increased 16 per cent to £2.32m. Investment and trading income rose from £2.17m to £2.49m and depreciation was steady at £145,000 against £151,000. Attributable profits rose from £1.19m to £1.38m (compared with £2.9m for the year).

Profits in the latest half were derived about 59 per cent from property investment, 27 per cent from industrial and residential development, and 14 per cent from contracting and other activities.

The interim dividend is 6.18p gross against 2.12p, and the most allowed for the year. There will thus be no further payments for calendar 1975, and the next dividend—likely to be paid in November, 1976—will be the interim for the first half of 1976.

Explaining the large "interim only" payment, Mr B. Turner-Samuels, chief executive, said the policy had been adopted so that recent purchasers of accumulation shares would not be penalized unfairly by new legislation.

The board is confident that projects and orders in hand, as well as a strong liquidity position, mean that the second-half outturn will be as favourable as the opening spell. So another record profit year is in sight. In 1974 profits topped £4.24m before tax.

Golden Hope reaches new earnings peak but Highlands & Lowlands Para slips back

By Peter Elliott

The results of two major rubber producing companies out yesterday show a marked contrast. Despite a generally depressed rubber market, **Golden Hope Plantations** hoisted pre-tax profits from £5.57m to £7.53m *in the year to* May 31. But **Highlands and Lowlands Para Rubber**, *now* domiciled in Malaysia, reports pre-tax *profits down* from £4.13m to £3.08m in the first seven months to July 31.

Golden Hope's record earnings come out of turnover up from £13.75m to £17.14m. The company, currently investing more than £1.5m on capital and planting programmes in *Malaysia*, reports *rubber* turnover in the period down from £5.66m to £4.39m, *with profits* from this sector tumbling from £1.03m to £639,400. But the downturn in rubber was more than offset by higher turnover and profits from the group's other major commodities.

Earnings a share rose from 5.04p to 6.60p and the final dividend is 2.38p, bringing the year's total to 3.01p compared with 2.83p.

After the first seven months of the *current year, there is* little chance that Highlands and Lowlands Para Rubber will match last year's bumper full *year earnings of* £6.7m. The company reports that palm oil and cocoa prices were reasonable, but rubber and copra were depressed.

It states that Malaysian tax technicalities will stop it from paying an interim dividend at the end of the year, but a payment in the first quarter of 1976 is anticipated.

TPG suspended while board thinks again

By Tony May

The board of Thomas Poole & Gladstone China is "reconsidering its investment policy" and it has applied to have its shares temporarily suspended. The news found the shares at 3½p, or 1½p below par. At this level they are valued at £619,000.

As a "cash" company the group was given *until the end* of September and then until October 24 to produce a portfolio or active proposal, or risk suspension.

Mr Alan Bartlett, the chairman, says in a letter to the Stock Exchange that shareholders should get full details soon. He adds that Poole is solely an investment and cash company, and it has been looking at several investment opportunities in the past three months. The board concluded that none of them was as attractive as its 25.6 per cent stake in Newman Industries.

Mr Bartlett is also the chairman of Newman, and a major shareholder in Strongpoint—the private company which holds over 36 per cent of *TPG.*

Last July shareholders of Newman agreed, in a controversial proxy vote, to buy the *portfolio and assets of TPG for* £325,000.

Bruised London Poster recovers

After reaching a record of *£1.35m, against £1.29m* last year, the pre-tax profits of London & Provincial Poster Group halved to £302,000 in the six months to June 30. Turnover increased from £4.13m to £4.4m.

Profits for the full year will probably be down. But the second half will produce better profits than the first—though not as much as the £745,000 for 1974. There has been a "marked increase in demand".

Meanwhile, the gross dividend is raised from 4p to 4.12p, but earnings a share went down from 11.52p to 5.07p.

Eternit adds 20p to put £4.5m value on Atlas

The stout resistance by Atlas Stone to the £3.7m bid from Belgian group Eternit has paid off.

It was announced yesterday that Eternit (Compagnie Financiere Eternit, privately-owned and one of the world's largest asbestos cement makers), had raised its terms from 95p to 115p a share, valuing Atlas at £4.5m. On *this news*, Atlas shares spurted 16p to 116p.

There was no immediate reaction from Atlas. A spokesman said *the new offer* had just come to hand and the directors would be discussing it as a matter of urgency. Eternit now holds about 25.8 per cent of the Atlas equity.

The offer document will recall that Eternit talked to Atlas in January 1974 at a price of 125p. But it is not offering the same price now because construction prospects have worsened. At that time Atlas was confident about trading but since then, profits have fallen both for 1974 and 1975. The revised offer closes on November 11.

Threat to Conoco N Sea search

A slump of 38 per cent in *earnings is reported* by Continental Oil for the last quarter. It made only $82m, against a record $133m a year earlier. Thus net income for the nine months shows 4.4 per cent decline at $253m.

Mr Howard Blauvelt, chief executive, gives warning that current earnings and return on investment will not support continuation of aggressive searching and development of additional energy supplies at recent levels of capital spending. Conoco is involved in the North Sea jointly with the Coal Board and Gulf Oil.

The main reasons for the relapse in last quarter's profits from American continental operations was the tax reduction act of 1975, which increased taxes on domestic petrol production as a result of *the elimination of the depletion* allowance. Petrol business outside America actually incurred a small loss in the quarter.

Sirdar peak bucks textile trend

Record profits might, against the textile trend, come from Yorkshire knitting and rug wool maker Sirdar. Equally encouraging, prospects for this year are bright. The shares duly put on 5p to 283p.

Pre-tax profits in the year to June 30 rose by 33 per cent to *a best-ever £812,000 on turn*over improved from £10.5m to £11.57m. Earnings a share moved from 3.85p to 4.55p, *while the year's payment rises* from 3.19p gross to 3.51p. Mrs *Jean Tyrell*, chairman, made waivers on the total dividend amounting to some £14,000.

Mrs Tyrell reports that the current year has started favourably. Present indications are that both domestic economics and fashion augur well for a revival in handknitting. Sirdar Leisurecraft kits have been well received by the trade, and further handicraft products are being developed.

At half time, when pre-tax profits were up from £301,000 to £400,000, the directors believed it essential for the programme of plant modernization to continue. They were confident that could be achieved from the projected cash flow.

Aust Agricultural plans emigration

Australian Agricultural plans to emigrate to Australia. The tax disadvantages, the company has been advised, are no longer onerous. The best part of its assets are in Australia, and the problems of direction of the company from London "significant". Some *commercial dis*advantages have arisen because the company was domiciled in the United Kingdom and tax resident. Since the listing of its shares in Australia in June 1974, there has been a swing in ownership to Australian investors. A meeting has been called for November 20.

Highgate optimistic

The turnover of Highgate Optical and Industrial (opticians and hi-fi) rose from £1.78m to £2.25m on the six months to June 30. Pre-tax profits climbed nearly as fast, by 23 per cent to £170,000. The board adds that results for the first nine months suggest a record year. The dividend goes up from 0.71p to 1.03p. The group is controlled by Hutchison International, in turn rescued by Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Profit warning from Nestlé

The sales of Nestlé (it owns Crosse & Blackwell) rose 15.4 per cent to 11,900m francs (£2.18m) in the eight months to the end of August. But the Swiss food group says that it *expects lower profits this* year because costs have risen while *product prices have been* curbed in many markets.

Sales rose mainly in areas less affected by recession such *as the oil producing countries.*

M. P. Kent in good trim

Property investor and housing developer M. P. Kent foresees a further significant increase in net tangible assets in the current year. This will come from their housing and property trading operations, besides a surplus on valuations over the capitalized cost of the property investment programme. In the 12 months to June 30, overdrafts were reduced by £2.4m, a trend which should continue. The group is concentrating on houses in the range of £8,000-£15,000 in the South-West.

W. Motor pays out

Pre-tax profits soared from £46,400 to £211,600 in the first six months to June 30 at Western Motor Holdings, and it is restoring the interim dividend with a gross payment of 1.0p. Turnover rose from £6.32m to £7.46m. The board says the figures are not comparable, as the latest set include contributions from two new subsidiaries from April 1. The directors add that it cannot forecast whether the improvement will be maintained.

Anglo-African finance

On a turnover up from £3.32m to £3.58m Anglo-African Finance, the security dealer raised pre-tax profits from £153,600 to £210,500 in the first six months to July 19. The group says the improvement is due mainly to a reduction in the provision required for securities whose market value had fallen below cost. Earnings a share advanced from 0.68p to 1.47p. Group subsidiaries **Dent Fownes and Spencer, Turner & Boldero** are trading profitably, but they may not match last year's earnings level.

Foreign takeovers in US rising

Foreign companies announced 119 new investments in United States manufacturing facilities in the first nine months of the year, against 200 in the 1974 period, the Conference Board said.

However, acquisitions of United States companies are on the increase, for 40 per cent of the 1975 investments were acquisitions, compared with 36 per cent in 1974, 22 per cent in 1973 and 19 per cent in the late 1960s.

Brit Inv ahead

In a half year marked by big swings in the world's major stock markets as the recession continued, Edinburgh based British Investment Trust, reports attributable revenue for the six months to September 30 up from £943,000 to £965,000. Earnings a share were an estimated 3.25p against 4.35p. Net asset value at September 30 was 147.5p (136.5p at March 31), and the interim dividend is 2.31p gross (2.24p).

The board is confident of maintaining the full-time total of 5.08p gross. The UK outlook is far from encouraging, but the board says there are signs that a gradual economic recovery may now be expected in North America.

ISL in dividend move

At the already announced board meeting on November 11, International Computers will consider a special interim dividend to maintain trustee status. It needs to pay one before the end of the year. The board states it will not be ready on November 11 to issue preliminary results for the year ended September 30.

Briefly

BRITISH SHOE CORP

BSC, subsidiary of Sears Holdings, reports pre-tax profit of £12.53m (£10.7m), including non-trading profits, £161,000 (£147,000) and after interest of £250,000 (£145,000) for six months to July 31.

MASSEY-FERGUSON HOLDINGS

Company proposes to increase capital from 3m £1 ordinary shares to 8m shares. Additional capital being issued to Massey-Ferguson of *Canada, parent company.*

SECURICOR

Securicor has agreed to buy Chiswick Garage (G. W. Johns) Ltd, private company operating main Ford dealership, for £155,000 cash.

AUSTRALIAN COMMONWEALTH CARBIDE

Board still considering alternatives to liquidation. Subject to finalization of loan repayment and estimated tax liabilities, likely that eventual funds will be at least £300,000 (£1.14 *per preferred* ordinary share and 23.75p per deferred).

PROCTER & GAMBLE SURGES AHEAD

Net profit $105.3m (£50.8m) ($94.6m) in first quarter to September. Turnover $1,587m ($1,531m). Net earnings a share $1.28 ($1.15).

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM

Net income for first nine months down from $317.58m to $238.16m (about £119m) on revenues of $3.830m ($3.803m in 1975).—Reuter.

NORDIC GROUP OPENS S'PORE BRANCH

Nordic Group of commercial banks has opened branch in Singapore—first Nordic banking group to open Far East Unit.

IMPERIAL COLD STORAGE

Pre-tax profit, R4.34m (about £2.43m), against R3.69m for six *months to August 31. Interim pay*ment, 3 cents (same).

DIAMOND PLANS THROUGH

Schemes of arrangement of Premier (Transvaal) Diamond, Sea Diamond and Cons Diamond Mines of SW Africa have been sanctioned by the Supreme Court, South Africa. *CDM's and Sea Diamond's shares will be de-listed in Johan*nesburg and London on October 31.

TAYLOR, PALLISTER

Group sales for first half of 1975, £850,000 (£660,000). Pre-tax profit, £65,000 (£62,000). Interim payment, 1.28p gross (1.25p). Similar level of trading expected in second half.

RANDALLS GROWTH HALTED

Pre-tax profit £214,300 (£261,000), turnover £9.5m (£8.2m) in first half to June 30. *Earnings a share* 4.33p (5.53p). Interim dividend maintained at 2.2p. Mr C. R. Randall, chairman, says company is becoming more competitive, which must improve prospects.

M. & G. PENSION EXEMPT FUND

Interim distribution for accounting period to April 25, 1976, 1.900p net per unit. Payment, November 30, 1975. Corresponding *payment last year 1.700p.*

OUTWICH INV TRUST

Gross revenue for six months to Sept 30, £749,000 (£700,000). Interim payment raised from 0.746p gross to 0.847p.

THE IMPERIAL COLD STORAGE AND SUPPLY COMPANY LIMITED

(Incorporated in the Republic of South Africa)

INTERIM REPORT 1975 AND DIVIDEND ANNOUNCEMENTS

The unaudited results of the Group for the six months ended 31st August, 1975 were as follows:

	6 months ended 31.8.1975 R	6 months ended 31.8.1974 R
Group profit before tax	4 342 000	3 695 000
Tax	1 954 000	1 236 000
Group profit after tax	2 388 000	2 459 000
Profit attributable to shareholders of The Imperial Cold Storage and Supply Co. Ltd.	2 066 000	2 288 000

As the income of the Holding Company consists mainly of interest and dividends derived from subsidiary companies in the Group, separate figures are not given for the holding company alone.

In the Group, trading conditions were difficult during the 6 months under review, the cost inflation continuing unabated. *The increase in the Group profit before tax is principally* attributable to the acquisition, already reported, of a majority *interest in new businesses by the Company during the half-year,* which fact also accounts for the enlargement of the share of *the Group profit attributable to minority interests.* Simultaneously, the incidence of income tax on the company's *profits has increased significantly, due to the non-recurrence* during the half-year of tax allowances which were enjoyed *during the preceding year.*

For these reasons and because of the pressure on trading *margins resulting from the partial absorption of cost increases,* the share of profits attributable to ICS shareholders as such *declined by 9.7 per cent compared with the corresponding* period of the previous year.

Capital Commitments

The aggregate of capital commitments authorised by the directors amounts to R10 282 000 (1974—R8 890 000) of which *R1 475 000 (1974—R1 394 000)* had been contracted for as at 31st August, 1975.

Dividends

An interim dividend of 3 (three) cents per share (1974—3c) has been declared on the company's ordinary shares, payable *on 12th December, 1975 to shareholders registered on* 14th November, 1975.

I. J. D. Wentzel Chairman
171, Jacob Marè Street, F. J. van Biljon Managing Director
Pretoria 0002

24th October, 1975

INTERIM DIVIDEND NO. 81 ON ORDINARY SHARES

Notice is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of 3(three) cents per share (1974—3c) has been declared on the Company's ordinary shares payable to shareholders registered at the close of business on 14th November, 1975. Dividend *Warrants will be posted on or about 12th December, 1975.* The dividend is declared in the currency of the Republic of *South Africa and dividends payable from the office of the* Company's London Secretaries will be paid in United Kingdom currency at the rate of exchange ruling on 15th November, 1975. The effective rate of non resident shareholders' tax where applicable is 14.517 per cent.

The Ordinary share registers of the Company will be closed from 15th November, 1975 to 5th December, 1975 both dates inclusive.

INTERIM DIVIDEND NO. 73 ON PREFERENCE SHARES

Notice is hereby given that an Interim Dividend of 2½ per cent (two and three quarter per cent) has been declared on the company's preference shares, payable to shareholders registered at the close of business on *28th November, 1975.* Dividend warrants will be posted on or about 31st December, *1975.*

The dividend is declared in the currency of the Republic of South Africa and dividends payable from the office of the Company's London Secretaries will be paid in United Kingdom currency at the rate of exchange *ruling on 29th November,* 1975. The effective rate of non resident shareholders' tax where applicable is 14.517 per cent.

The preference share registers of the Company will be closed from 29th November, 1975 to 12th December, 1975, both dates inclusive.

By Order of the Board
J. P. Enslin,
Secretary

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The Directors of the above Company announce that an offer has been made and is being accepted for the purchase, by exchange of shares, for the whole of the interests of Unigas Oil Corporation of Denver, Colorado from *Vultan Minerals Limited and their Associates.*

The Company's shares are dealt in over the counter throughout the U.S.A. and as Letter Stock in London under Stock Exchange *Rule 163 (1) (e).*

The Financial Group of which your company is a member, and The Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line Company, commenced their 12 Well Programme in Oklahoma and Texas in June, under the auspices of Kennedy & Mitchell of Englewood, Colorado. Sage of Oklahoma and Hudson of Texas, two well known Oil operators are the contractors for the project.

The Michigan Wisconsin Pipe Line has contracted to take the whole of the output of the wells at a favourable price plus a loading for BTU estimated to yield 70 cents pr mcf upwards. They are also responsible for the installation and maintenance of the pipe line equipment.

This programme involves an expenditure of U.S. $1.7 million for the 12 wells, 9 of which are in Oklahoma and 3 in Texas. They are mainly development wells adjoining current natural gas production. Each well is located on a 640 acre lease.

The following three wells have been drilled, logged and production casing set:—

Como 10 Baggerly No. 1 – Beaver County, Oklahoma
The well has two production zones tested to produce 1,600,000 cubic feet per day C.A.O.F.

N.W. May 6 Carlisle No. 1-6 – Harper County, Oklahoma
This well was tested to produce 4,000,000 cubic feet per day C.A.O.F.

E. Elmwood 16 Overton No. 1 – Beaver County, Oklahoma
This well was tested to produce 950,000 cubic feet per day C.A.O.F.
From one zone, a second zone is currently being tested for oil and gas production.
Reserves of the first 2½ wells are considered to be 11.5 billion cubic feet C.A.O.F. Reserves of 5 billion cubic feet are required for a satisfactory operation.
It is anticipated that development of the 12 wells will be finalised during the course of the next few *months, and from results to date should show a* good percentage of the wells as high producers. *Notification of the finalisation of operations will* be announced during the next few months.

Gray 21 Mounts No. 1 – Beaver County, Oklahoma
This will be an 8100 feet Chester Formation Test. Objectives are the Upper, Middle and Lower Morrow Sands from 7300 feet to 7900 feet. The Marmaton Formation is oil productive in the area also. Reserves in the Morrow in this area range from 1.0 to 5.0 billion cubic feet.

Brainard 182 Brainard No. 3 – Roberts County, Texas
This will also be an 8900 feet Chester Formation Test. Primary objectives are the Cleveland Sand at 6700 feet and the Lower Morrow Sand at 8700 feet. Both zones produce in the offset wells where reserves are 1.5 to 6.0 billion cubic feet in the Cleveland and 2.0 to 5.5 billion cubic feet in the Morrow.

N.W. May 1 Carlisle No. 1-1 – Harper County, Oklahoma
This well is projected to 7300 feet in the Chester Formation. Main objectives are the Lower *Morrow Sand at 7100 feet and the Hoover Sand* at 4400 feet. Morrow reserves in the area range *from 1.0 to 4.0 billion cubic feet.* Hoover reserves are from 1.0 to 8.5 billion cubic feet.

S.W. Laverne 14 Evans No. 1 – Harper County, Oklahoma
We will drill to 7800 feet in the Chester Formation on this well. Objectives are the Morrow "A" and "B" Sands at 7400 feet and 7600 feet respectively. Reserves in offset wells are 0.6 to 3.0 billion cubic feet.

Wilbanks 116 Wilbanks No. 1 – Hansford County, Texas
This will be an 8200 feet Lower Morrow Formation Test. Producing zones in the offsetting wells are the Cleveland Sand at 6300 feet and the Upper Morrow Sand at 7400 feet. The Lower Morrow Sand at 8000 feet is a secondary objective. Reserves in the Cleveland range from 1.0 to 6.5 billion cubic feet. Reserves in the Upper Morrow vary from 1.0 to 7.5 billion cubic feet.

Kamp 33 Kamp No. 1 – Beaver County, Oklahoma
This will be an 8400 feet Chester Formation Test. Objectives are the Middle Morrow Sand at 8000 feet and the Lower Morrow Sand at 8200 feet. Both zones are productive in offset wells with reserves in the 1.0 to 8.5 billion cubic feet range.

Brainard 180 Brainard No. 1 – Roberts County, Texas
This is an 8900 feet Chester Formation Test. Primary objectives are the Cleveland Sand at *6700 feet and the Lower Morrow Sand at 8700* feet. Both zones produce in the offset wells where reserves are 1.5 to 6.0 billion cubic feet in the Cleveland and 2.0 to 5.5 billion cubic feet in the Morrow.

N. Linscott 21 Polin No. 1 – Ellis County, Oklahoma
Drilling will go to 9000 feet in the Chester Formation on this well. Primary objective is the Morrow Sand at 8700 feet productive in the offsetting wells.

Elmwood 21 Bass No. 1 – Beaver County, Oklahoma
This is a proposed 8100 feet Chester Formation Test. Drilling of this well will be dependent on *the results of the Overton No. 1 Well. Should* results of the Overton No. 1 prove negative a *substitute prospect will be drilled.* Reserves and objectives are the same as the Overton No. 1.

Blanding, Utah
The Company also owns oil leases of 1280 acres in the Blanding Area, Utah. The leases are in the Southern portion of the Paradox Basin. The prospect is covered by seismic survey which shows well defined reef development. It is intended to enter into a joint partnership for development of these leases.

Negotiations are in progress for additional interests in natural gas development projects in Oklahoma and Texas, U.S.A.

The capital of the Company in February last was increased from US $364,800 to US $2,000,000 in 1 cent US par value shares.

In order to acquire the above interests the Company increased its capital by *authorising* the issue of a further US $262,000 1 cent US par value shares thus making the issued capital US $626,800 in 1 cent US par value shares. The *purchase* consideration included the 1 for 1 bonus shares issued by the Company to Vultan Minerals Limited shareholders on the Register as at 24th October, 1975.

To further the Company's interests with the negotiations that are now in progress Vultan Minerals Limited are being given a cash option for a further US $250,000 of 1 cent shares.

Oct. 24, 1975

By order of the Board
H. J. WARD, *President*

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NCIAL NEWS AND MARKET REPORTS

Overseas

Key fears this year: cautious

October 27.—Pechiney Ugine Kuhlmann SA (PUK), aluminium, special steels and chemical French combine expects to make a group loss for 1975 because of the sharp decline in activity. In 1974 it made a profit of 743m francs (about ...

... letter to shareholders, ... says that cash flow ... cover part of its de... needs, and that ... economic crisis mea... have little impact. ... company's sectors ... ly removed from in... ... ped by such mea...

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... diversification in... ...'s reorganization of ... vities in the United ... nd Ireland. The com... ... king with the CIE ... Des Petroles (CFP) ... nium in the nuclear ... ry.—Reuter.

GE said to be buying Toshiba stock

Oct 27.—Tokyo Shibaura ... mpany (Toshiba) said ... ectric of the United ... elieved to be buying ... ck through Japanese ... anges to maintain its ... e of more than 10 per ... company.

... ases apparently are in ... with Toshiba's recent ... rtible debenture issue ... capital market.

... tures are equivalent to ... 71 million new shares, ... onverted, Toshiba said. ... dealers believe GE ... to buy at least 7.1 mil... bares to retain its pre... of Toshiba equity.—...

Merger with Range barred

...rk, Oct 27.—Copper ... said that Connecticut ... urt had permanently ... per Range and Amax ... completing a planned ...

... rt upheld the Justice ...'s suit which claimed ... d merger would violate ... aw. Under the ruling, ... ermitted to retain the ... t interest which it now ... pper Range.—Reuter.

...t Issues

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Bank Base Rates

...s Bank ..	11%
London Secs	11%
...e & Co ..	*11%
... Bank	11%
... Bank	11%
...stminster ..	11%
...ster Acc's	11%
... Trust	12½%
...ntury Bank	12½%
...s & Glyn's	11%

... deposits on sums of ... and under, 7%, ... £25,000, 7¼%, over ... 8¼%.

Foreign Exchange

Foreign exchanges were rather quiet yesterday. The main feature was a good rise in the dollar in the afternoon. It was spurred on by expectation of a good United States trade figures announcement for September. Some central bank intervention in favour of the dollar, particularly in Paris, was reported.

The pound held reasonably firm against the dollar and was showing gains against the Continentals on the day. The effective depreciation rate narrowed from 29.3 per cent to 29.2 per cent. The closing rate against the dollar was $2.0690, down 10 points from Friday's close.

Gold slipped back again to $143, down 75 cents from Friday's close.

Discount markett

Identifiable factors had suggested a shorter day than actually materialized. Help from the authorities did not exceed the "moderate" scale. It was channelled via purchases of Treasury bills and corporation bills directly from the houses in need.

Rates opened around 11 to 11¼ per cent, spent the day mainly within a band of 10¾ to 11 per cent and closed in that area. Business was thin throughout, and patchy from time to time.

Over-full bank balances brought over from Friday was the only one factor of any size working in the market's favour.

Eurobond prices (midday indicators)

$ STRAIGHTS	Bid	Offer
AIDC 10½ 1981	101	102
Airlease 8¾ 1988	81	84
Ashland 8 1987	89½	90½
BICC 7¾ 1987	67	70
Bristol 8 1979	89	91
Brit Steel Corp 8¾ 1989	79	82
Burlington 7¾ 1987	89	90
Carrier 8 1987	88	89
Chevron 7 1980	96	97
Conoco 7 1980	95½	97
Conoco 8 1986	94¼	95¼
Cons Food 7¾ 1991	84	85
Coventry 8¾ 1981	88	90
Coventry 8¾ 1980	87	89
Curacao Tokyo 8¾ 1988	87	88
Curacao Tokyo 10¼ 1981	101½	102½
Cutler Hammer 8 1987	90	91
Dana 8 1987	87½	88½
Denmark Kgdm 7¾ 1990	80	81
Denmk Mtge Bk 7¾ 1991	79	80
Dundee 9¼ 1983	90	92
Escom 9¼ 1989	89	91
Escom Fltg Rate 1982	98	99
First Chicago 7 1980	94	96
First Pennsylvania 7¾ 1984	82	84
GATX 8¾ 1987	85¼	86¼
Guardian Royal 8 1987	70	73
Hambros 7¾ 1987	74	77
ICI 7¾ 1992	78	81
Inter Util 8¼ 1982	95	96
Legal & Gen Ass 7¾ 198...	67	70
Manchester 8¾ 1981	86	88
Mexico 8¾ 1991	79	82
Michelin 7¾ 1988	81	83
Mitsubishi 9 1989	95	97
Motorola 8 1987	91	92
Nat & Grindlays 7¾ 1987	71	74
National Coal Board 8¾ 1988	79	82
Nippon Fudosan 10¼ 1980	102	103
N. A. Rockwell 8¾ 1987	86½	87½
Occidental 7¾ 1984	83	85
Pacific Lighting 8 1988	88½	89½
Pacific Lighting 9¾ 1981	103	105
Pennwalt 8 1987	88	89
Ralston Purina 7¾ 1987	90	91
Scanraff 7¾ 1990	86½	87½
Scanraff 8¾ 1988	94	95
Shell 7¾ 1987	90¼	91¼
Singer 11 1977	102	103
Skandinaviska 10¼ 1981	103	104
Slough 8 1988	58	62
South Africa 8 1987	81	85
Standard Oil 8¾ 1980	101	102
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	97¼	98¼
Standard Oil 8¾ 1988	97¼	98¼
Sybron 8 1987	88	89
Tenneco 7¾ 1987	86½	87½
Textron 7¾ 1987	85	86
Transocean Gulf 7¾ 1987	90½	91½
Transocean Gulf 7 1980	95½	96½
Union Oil 7¾ 1987	90¼	91¼
Venezuela 8 1987	95	97
Volvo 8 1987	84	85
Wm Glyns 8¾ 1987	73	76
DM BONDS		
APEL (DM) 10 1981	105	106
Charter (DM) 6¾ 1968/83	70½	71½
Courtaulds (DM) 6¾ 1969/84	86	87
Denmark (DM) 9¾ 1989	99½	100½
Escom (DM) 7 1973/88	72½	73½
Goodyear (DM) 6¾ 1972/87	82½	83½
ICI (DM) 8 1971/86	91½	92½
Mitsubishi Heavy (DM) 9¾ 1980	104½	105½
Nat West (DM) 8 1988	90½	91½
New Zealand (DM) 9¾ 1982	107	108
Suedafrica (DM) 8¾ 1970/85	92½	93½
Sun Int Fin (DM) 7¾ 1988	90½	91½
$ CONVERTIBLES		
AMF 5 1987	61	63
American Express 4¾ 1987	79	81
Beatrice Foods 4¼ 1992	88	90
Beatrice Foods 6¾ 1991	103½	105½
Beatrice Foods 4¾ 1993	98½	100½
Borden 5 1992	88	90
Borden 6¾ 1991	101	103
Broadway Hale 4¾ 1987	71	73
Carnation 4 1988	86	88
Chevron 5 1992	109	111
Cummins 6¾ 1986	80	82
Dart 4¾ 1987	79	81
Eastman Kodak 4¾ 1988	113	115
Economic Labs 4¾ 1987	75	77
Federated Dept. Stores 4¾ 1985	130	132
Ford 5 1988	75	77
Ford 6 1986	85	87
Gillette 4¾ 1987	71	73
Gould 5 1987	85	87
General Electric 4¾ 1987	83	85
Gulf and Western 5 1988	85	87
Harris 5 1987	64	66
Honeywell 6 1986	75	77
ITT 4¾ 1987	69	71
J. Ray McDermott 4¾ 1987	132	134
J. P. Morgan 4¾ 1987	100½	102½
Nabisco 5¾ 1988	90	92
Owens Illinois 4¾ 1987	86	88
J. C. Penney 4¾ 1987	79	81
Revlon 4¾ 1987	100	102
Rank Org 4¾ 1993	41	43
Sperry Rand 4¾ 1988	96	98
Squibb 4¾ 1987	81	83
Texaco 4¾ 1988	75	77
Union Carbide 4¾ 1982	103	105
Warner Lambert 4¾ 1987	90	92
Xerox Corp 5 1988	74	76

DM = Deutschmark issue.
Source: Kidder, Peabody Securities, London.

Spot Position of Sterling

	Market rates (day's range) October 27	Market rates (close) October 27
New York	$2.0680-0735	$2.0685-0695
Montreal	$2.1125-1200	$2.1135-1145
Amsterdam	5.43-47fl	5.45¼-46¼fl
Brussels	79.80-80.15fr	79.95-80.15fr
Copenhagen	12.30-36k	12.33-34k
Frankfurt	5.28-32m	5.30¼-31¼m
Lisbon	54.50-55.30e	54.75-85e
Madrid	121.70-122.50p	122.00-20p
Milan	1395-1406lr	1399-1400lr
Oslo	11.30-37k	11.34½-35½k
Paris	9.02-06½f	9.04¾-05¾f
Stockholm	9.00-04k	9.01¾-02¾k
Tokyo	620-30y	622½-24½y
Vienna	37.30-70sch	37.45-65sch
Zurich	5.42-46f	5.44¼-45¼f

Effective depreciation since December 21, 1971, down 8.1 to 29.2 per cent.

Forward Levels

	1 month	3 months
New York	.85-.95c prem	2.77-2.67c prem
Montreal	.53-.43c prem	1.63-1.53c prem
Amsterdam	3¼-2¼c prem	9¾-8¾c prem
Brussels	45-35c prem	125-105c prem
Copenhagen	6½-4½ore prem	17-15ore prem
Frankfurt	4-3pf prem	10¾-9¾pf prem
Lisbon	30c prem-40c disc	40c prem-85c disc
Milan	2¾-1¾lr prem	7¾-6¾lr prem
Oslo	7-5ore prem	17¾-15¾ore prem
Paris	4¾-3¾c prem	11¾-9¾c prem
Stockholm	4¾-3¾ore prem	12¾-10¾ore prem
Vienna	30-10gro prem	70-40gro prem
Zurich	4¾-3¾c prem	12¾-11¾c prem

Canadian dollar rate (against US dollar), $0.9786-89.

Eurodollar deposits (%) calls, 5¾-6; seven days, 5¾-6¾; one month, 5¾-6¾; three months, 6¾-6¾; six months, 7¾-7¾.

Gold

Gold fixed: am, $143.50 (an ounce); pm, $142.50.

Krugerrand (per coin): $146¼-148¼ (£70¾-71¾) (domestic); $146¼-148¼ (£70¾-71¾) (international).

Sovereigns: (old), $43¼-44¼ (£20¾-21¼) (new); $43¼-44¼ (£20¾-21¼) (international).

Money Market Rates

Bank of England Minimum Lending Rate 12%
(Last changed 4/10/75)
Clearing Banks Base Rate 11%

Discount Mkt Loans %
Overnight: Open 11¼ Close 10¾
Week Fixed: 11-11¼

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying		Selling	
2 months	11¼	2 months	11⅛
3 months	11⅛	3 months	11⅛

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

2 months	11¾-11¼	3 months	12
3 months	11¾-11¼	4 months	12¼
4 months	11¾-11¼	6 months	12¾
6 months	11¾-11¾		

Local Authority Bonds

1 month	12-11½	7 months	12-11½
2 months	12-11½	8 months	12-11½
3 months	12-11½	9 months	12¼-11¾
4 months	12-11½	10 months	12¼-11¾
5 months	12-11½	11 months	12¼-11¾
6 months	12-11½	12 months	12½-12

Secondary Mkt. ECD Rates (%)

1 month	11¾-11¾	6 months	12⅛-12
3 months	11¾-11¾	12 months	12¾-12

Local Authority Market (%)

2 days	11¾	3 months	11¾
7 days	11½	6 months	11¾-12
1 month	11½	1 year	12½-12¾

Interbank Market (%)
Overnight: Open 11¼ Close

1 week	11¼-11	6 months	12-11⅞
1 month	11⅛-11¾	9 months	12⅛-11⅞
3 months	11¾-11¾	12 months	12⅛-11⅞

First Class Finance Houses (Mkt. Rate%)

3 months	12¾	6 months	12⅛

Finance House Base Rate 11%

Furness Withy switch

Furness Withy has been informed that Eurocanadian Shipholdings on October 17 acquired a further £150,000 FW ordinary stock, bringing their total interest to £7.27m. Conversely, the interests of associates of Eurocanadian were reduced

Commodities

Soviet denial of sugar purchase

Rumours on the New York market on Friday of Soviet Union purchases of sugar yesterday lifted the London daily price for "raws" to £172, a rise of £12. However, in Moscow officials of Prodintorg, the Soviet food import organization, firmly denied that extra imports of sugar were planned.

"We have not bought anything yet and do not plan to do so", a spokesman said. He agreed that the sugar beet harvest this year will fall below the planned 94m tonnes, but said that the shortfall was "a minor corrective".

The London daily price for "whites" yesterday was £10 up on Friday at £180.

Dec, £173.50-73.60 per long ton; March, £171.90-72.00; May, £170.25-70.50; Aug, £168.75-69.00; Oct, £168-68.50; Dec, £167.25-67.50; March, £166.25-68.25. Sales, 3,902 lots. ISA prices: 14.10c; 17-day average 14c.

COPPER was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash wire bars, £557-57.50 a metric ton; three months, £578.50-79.00. Sales, 1,925 tons. Cash cathodes, £543.50-44.00; three months, £565.50-66.00. Sales, 25 tons. Morning.—Cash wire bars, £558.50-59.00; three months, £580-80.50. Settlement, £559. Sales, 7,425 tons (mainly carries). Cash cathodes, £545.50-46.00; three months, £566.50-67.00. Settlement, £546. Sales, 1,200 tons (mainly carries).

SILVER fell 5.2p for spot and 5.5p for three months on Friday's prices in thin but steady selling.—Bullion market (fixing levels).—Spot, 203.05p a troy ounce (United States cents equivalent, 420.7); three months, 209.85p (439c); six months, 216.90p (219.85c); one-year, 230.30p (457.6c). London Metal Exchange.—Afternoon.—Cash, 202-02.5p; three months 208.8-09.0p; seven months, 217.7-18.2p. Sales, 30 lots of 10,000 troy ounces each. Morning.—Cash, 202-02.5p; three months, 209-09.1p; seven months, 218-18.5p. Settlement, 202.5p. Sales, 69 lots.

TIN.—Standard cash weakened on Friday's close by £17.50 and the three-month position was £22 lower.—Afternoon.—Standard cash, £3,028-30 a metric ton; three months, £3,073-75. Sales, 380 tons. High grade, Cash, £3,028-30; three months, £3,073-75. Sales, nil tons. Morning.—Standard cash, £3,035-37; three months £3,084-85. Settlement, £3,037. Sales, 325 tons (mainly carries). High grade, cash, £3,035-37; three months, £3,084-85. Settlement, £3,037. Sales, nil tons. Singapore tin ex-works, SM953 a picul.

LEAD was steady.—Afternoon.—Cash, £161.75-63.25 a metric ton; three months, £169-69.50. Sales, 1,525 tons. Morning.—Cash, £161.50-62.00; three months, £169-69.50. Settlement, £162. Sales, 1,500 tons (about half carries).

ZINC was firm.—Afternoon.—Cash, £347-48 a metric ton; three months, £356.50-57.00. Sales, 3,975 tons (mainly carries). Morning.—Cash, £345-45.50; three months, £355-55.50. Settlement, £345.50. Sales, 975 tons. All afternoon metal prices are unofficial.

PLATINUM was 40p down at £68.90 ($142.50) a troy ounce.

RUBBER was uncertain.—Nov, 33-33.35p per kilo; Dec, 33.10-33.65p; Jan-March, 33.85-33.95p; April-June, 34.80-34.85p; July-Sept, 36.90-35.98p; Oct-Dec, 37.40-37.45p; Jan-March, 38.55-38.60p; April-June, 39.50-39.60p; July-Sept, 40.45-40.60p. Sales: 52 lots at 5 tonnes; 152 at 15 tonnes.

RUBBER PHYSICALS were about steady.—Spot, 32.25-33.50p. Cifs, Nov, 29.00-29.26; Dec, 29.50-29.75.

COFFEE: Robustas were quiet. Arabicas were dull.

ROBUSTAS.—Nov, £745-47.50 per metric ton; Jan, £746-46.50; March, £738-38.50; May, £736-37; July, £736.50-38.00; Sept, £738-39; Nov, £738-39. Sales: 625 lots including 13 options.

ARABICAS.—Oct, $90-91 per 50 kilos; Dec, $91.60-91.70; Feb, $90.50-90.80; April, $90.30-90.70; June, $90.50-91.00; Aug, $90.50-91.30; Oct, $90.75-92.00. Sales: nil.

COCOA slightly easier.—Dec, £675-76.0 per metric ton; March, £644.50-45.00; May, £627-28; July, £615-20; Sept, £608-610; Dec, £600-601; March, £597-98. Sales: 2,049 lots. ICO prices: daily 58.64c; 15-day average 56.60c; 22-day average 55.77c (US cent per lb).

SOYABEAN MEAL was steady.—Dec, £84.50-84.70 per metric ton; Feb, £86.10-86.20; April, £86.00-86.50; June, £87.30-87.40; Aug, £88.20-88.40; Oct, £89.30-89.50. Sales: 70 lots.

WOOL: Greasy futures were steady.—Oct, 151-65p per kilo; Dec, 158-64p; March, 167-71p; May, 170-74p; July, 178.5-77.5p; Oct, 185-86p; Dec, 185.5-88.0p; March, 188-93p. Sales: nil.

JUTE was quiet.—Bangladesh white "C" grade, Oct-Nov, £198 per long ton. "D" grade, Oct-Nov, £188. Calcutta was steady.—Indian, Oct-Dec, Rs 450 per bale of 400lb. Dundee Daisee, Oct-Dec, Rs 423.50.

GRAIN (The Baltic).—Business was slow in all sections of the imported grain market and prices drifted lower.

WHEAT.—US dark northern spring No 2, 14 per cent: Jan, £105.50 seller direct Tilbury. Oct unquoted; Nov, £101; Dec, £102 sellers trans-shipment east coast. EEC feed: Oct, £65.25 trans-shipment east coast.

MAIZE.—No 3 yellow American-French: Oct, £64; Nov, £65 trans-shipment east coast. South African new: Nov, £71.50; Dec, £73 nominal sellers Glasgow.

BARLEY.—EEC feed: Oct, £65.50 trans-shipment west coast. All per long ton cif UK unless stated.

London Grain Futures Market (Gafta). EEC origin.—BARLEY was easier.—Nov, £61.20; Jan, £63.55; May, £66.75; Sept, £65.00. WHEAT was easier.—Nov, £63.50; Jan, £65.05; March, £66.55; May, £68.30; Sept, £66.80.

MARK LANE: Dealings remained very quiet and price movements were fractional. The following are average sellers quotation per long ton delivered London area: Wheat—milling, Nov £68; denaturable Nov £65.30; barley feed unquoted.

Home-grown Cereal Authority's location ex-farm spot prices:

	Soft Milling WHEAT	Feed WHEAT	Feed BARLEY
East Suffolk	£64.80	£63.35	£61.15
NE Scotland	—	£60.95	£61.05

The United Kingdom monetary coefficient for all cereals except common wheat for the week beginning Monday, November 3 (based on HGCA calculations) is expected to decrease to 1.064.

MEAT (Smithfield).—

BEEF: Scotch killed sides, 30.0-34.0p per lb; English hindquarters—heavy, 36.0-38.0p; Ulster hindquarters, 37.0-39.0p; Ulster forequarters, 26.5-27.5p; Eire hindquarters, 37.0-38.0p; Eire forequarters, 26.0-27.0p.

VEAL: English fats, 44.0-50.0p; English bobbies, 14.0-16.0p; Scotch bobbies, 13.0-15.0p; Dutch hinds and ends, 74.0-80.0p.

LAMB: English small, 28.0-35.0p; English medium, 30.0-33.0p; English heavy, 27.0-30.0p; Scotch medium, 28.0-32.0p; Scotch heavy, 26.0-29.0p; Scotch hill, 26.0-33.0p. Imported frozen: New Zealand D's, 30.5-31.5p; New Zealand 2's, 29.0-29.5p; New Zealand 8's, 27.0-27.5p; New Zealand YL's, 28.0-29.0p.

EWES: 12.0-14.0p.

PORK: English, under 100 lbs, 30.0-39.0p; English, 100-120 lbs, 31.0-38.0p; English, 120-160 lbs, 31.0-36.0p; English, 160-180 lbs, 29.0-34.0p; English, 180 lbs and over, 26.0-30.0p.

MEAT COMMISSION: Average fatstock prices at representative markets on October 27: UK: Cattle, £19.67 per live cwt (+0.72); Sheep, 35.3p per lb od cw (+0.2); Pigs, £5.03 per sc lw (+0.02). England and Wales: Cattle numbers down 1.1 per cent, average price £20.04 (+0.77). Sheep numbers up 9.1 per cent, average price 35.5p (—0.3). Pig numbers up 4.4 per cent, average price £5.03 (+0.02). Scotland: Cattle numbers down 29.7 per cent, average price £19.04 (+0.59). Sheep numbers up 6.2 per cent, average price 34.1p (+.5). Pig numbers up 10.5 per cent, average price £4.94 (—0.03).

UK metal stocks

Stocks in London Metal Exchange official warehouses at the end of last week (in tonnes unless otherwise stated) were: Copper rose 6,225 to 451,500; Tin rose 225 to 6,020; Lead rose 475 to 79,700; Zinc rose 100 to 55,975; Silver rose 70,000 to 17,080,000 troy ounces.

Lukewarm reception for the new international cocoa agreement

Commodities

"Lukewarm" just about sums up reaction to the new international cocoa agreement reached in Geneva which has to be ratified by a majority of the 63 nations which took part in the negotiations before it can come into effect in October next year.

Under the agreement there will be a price range of 39 to 55 United States cents a pound (about 20p to 28p), variable export quotas and a buffer stock. Mid-point price is 47 cents, at which level quotas apply 100 per cent. At lower levels the price will be cut. In a free zone between 47 and 53 cents, the price will move according to supply and demand without intervention.

But the present cocoa agreement, which has been in force for two years, has had no success in bringing world prices for raw cocoa within the 29.5-38.5 cents price range. Nor can it be seen how current market prices, which are just over 58 cents, could come within the 45-47 cents range in the present supply position, with nearby cocoa tight and likely to remain so.

Another unhappy augury is that the Ivory Coast, which is well on the way to becoming the second largest cocoa producer after Ghana, in place of Brazil, is against the new prices, regarding them as inadequate and not in line with enlightened thinking on commodities. Pressure from Ghana and Nigeria may lead Abidjan to change its mind: a decline in prices would certainly do so.

The United States, in a dominant position as the world's largest cocoa importer, is not a signatory to the present agreement and is unlikely to sign the new one as its key proposal, that the quota system should be abolished leaving the control of prices solely to a buffer stock, has not carried the day.

Trade sources in America have not minced their words in commenting on the new pact. They think that it is unlikely to have much impact on current world prices and some market operators say that the agreement will be toothless with the United States on the outside. One dealer said that in this situation producers will again be running the agreement. A buffer stock mechanism, effectively to control supplies to the market, was needed.

Some other reactions have been:

France: Traders are not alarmed at the prospect of American non-participation and welcome the pact as leading to a realistic stabilization plan by setting prices reasonably in line with market conditions. They can see the possibility of a start being made on building a stockpile and this would help to stabilize prices.

West Germany: On the whole traders are sceptical and see the new accord as not very different from the existing one. They anticipate that the market could be stretched if producer countries underestimate likely demand and export quotas are initially too small.

Switzerland: Optimism about what the Swiss see as a more realistic price range is tempered by concern about the attitude of the Ivory Coast. There is less concern about the attitude of the United States. On the whole the pact is welcomed.

Soviet Union: Mr Valentin Polezhaen, who has been chief Soviet delegate at the agreement talks, sees the new pact as being a compromise which is fully satisfactory to neither producers nor consumers, although he thought that it maintained a balance between both sides. It was the hope of the Soviet Union that the agreement would work.

A 'paper' surplus of 97,000 tons

Pointers to the way cocoa prices may go are contained in the latest report from London merchants Gill & Duffus. World output in the 1974-75 season is put at 1,495,000 tons, a figure exceeded only by the 1971-72 total of 1,557,000 tons and an increase of 27,000 tons on the estimate contained in the last report issued in September.

But of the 1974-75 total, more than 150,000 tons came from the May-September Bahia temporao crop. Therefore a substantial part of Brazilian production was not shipped before the end of the season. Cocoa from the 1974-75 season continues to be shipped from Nigeria and this is likely to continue for some time.

The latest estimates of production and grindings during the season show a surplus of 97,000 tons. "But even with a large paper surplus, world stocks remain exceptionally low. Stocks at the end of the season are estimated at 349,000 long tons. In this situation, even after allowance for the spill-over of the 1974-75 surplus into the current season, a dramatic fall in the price of cocoa seems unlikely."

The report notes that the steep decline in world usage of cocoa appears to have been partially arrested. Grindings in the calendar year 1975 are now forecast at 1,407,000 long tons, implying a decline of only 3 per cent from the revised 1974 grindings estimate of 1,451,000 tons.

The belief that in a number of countries consumption may be starting to turn round again, after a period of substantial decline, derives support from third quarter grindings figures for the five principal western consumers, says the report.

Looking ahead beyond 1975-76 and touching on the new cocoa agreement, Gill & Duffus say that the effective support price of 47 cents could represent an actual cost into the chocolate factory in excess of £600 a ton, if the current premium for physical cocoa persists.

If in 1975-76 the world, as is hoped, produces rather more cocoa than the International Cocoa Organization statistics committee has forecast, then physical premiums should decline. If not, then cocoa "may once again become exclusively the food of the gods" says the report.

Wallace Jackson
Commodities Editor

Wall Street

New York, Oct 27.—Prices were moderately higher on the New York Stock Exchange this morning.

Part of the gain was attributed to speculation that bank prime interest rates, which were lowered Friday by one-quarter to 7¾ per cent by several large banks, may come down again this week.

TAYLOR PALLISTER & CO. LIMITED

INTERIM STATEMENT

...results for the six months ended 30th June, 1975

	Six months ended 30th June 1975 £	Six months ended 30th June 1974 £
...ales	850,278	660,480
...Trading Profit	61,204	56,510
...nt and other Interest	3,718	5,080
...Profit before Taxation	64,922	61,590
... at 52%	33,801	32,006
...rofit after Taxation (All ...table to Taylor Pallister & ...d.)	31,121	29,584
...Dividend on Ordinary Shares ... year ended 31st ...mber 1975	5,653	5,653
	£25,468	£23,931

...Dividend
...ectors have declared an Interim Dividend of 0.8375 ...er share (3.35%) on the Ordinary Shares which is at ...e net rate as the Interim Dividend declared last year. ...dend will be paid on 8th January, 1976 to Shareholders ...Register of Members at the close of business at 5 p.m., ... Books closed all day 19.11.75.

...t by Mr. R. H. Taylor, Chairman
...r level of trading is anticipated in the second period. ...able increases in wages in particular will reflect more ... the second half of the year requiring every effort to ... these by increased efficiency. Subject to the effective... these efforts and no unforeseen circumstances a not... ...ctory result is anticipated.
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Company	Last Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div(p)	Yld %	P/E
Armitage & Rhodes	26	—	3.0	11.5	2.9
Deborah Services	97	+1	7.5	7.7	5.1
Henry Sykes	134	—	4.9	3.7	8.9
Twinlock Ord	20	—	0.9	4.6	4.9
Twinlock 12% ULS	62	—	12.0	19.4	—
Unilock Holdings	60	—	4.5	7.5	11.6

Authorized Units, Insurance & Offshore Funds

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● Ex dividend. * Not available to the general public. † Guernsey gross yield. ‡ Previous days price. § Ex all. c Dealings suspended. ¤ Subdivided. f Cash value for £100 premium.

Dealing or valuation days—(1) Monday, (2) Tuesday, (3) Wednesday, (4) Thursday, (5) Friday, (6) Nov 5, (9) Nov 4, (10) Oct 31, (14) Nov 3, (15) Nov 6, (16) Nov 11, (16) Nov 11, (19) Nov 29, (20) 20th of month, (21) 2nd Thursday of month, (22) 1st and 3rd Wednesday of month, (23) 20th of month, (24) 1st Tuesday of month, (25) 1st and 3rd Thursday of month, (26) 4th Thursday of month, (27) 1st Wednesday of month, (28) Last Thursday of month, (29) 3rd working day of month, (30) 16th of month, (31) 1st working day of month, (32) 20th of month, (33) 1st day of Feb, May, Aug, Nov, (34) Last working day of month, (35) 15th of month, (36) 14th of month, (37) 21st of each month, (38) 3rd Wednesday of month, (39) 2nd Wednesday of month, (40) Valued monthly.

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ACCOUNT DAYS: Dealings Began, Oct 20. Dealings End Oct 31. § Contango Day, Nov 3. Settlement Day, Nov 11

§ Forward bargains are permitted on two previous days.

BRITISH FUNDS

1974/75 High	Low	Stock	Price	Ch'ge	Int. only Red.	Gross Yield	Gross Yield
89½	88¼	Exch 6½%	1976	98¼	-⅛	6.618	11.838
97-16	88	Treas 6½%	1976	98⅝		6.760	11.622
101-16	94¼	Treas 10½%	1976	99¾		10.633	11.575
95¾	84¾	Treas 6¾%	1977	94¼		6.631	10.917
96½	81¼	Elec 3%	1974-77	93½		3.209	8.894
103¾	95¼	Treas 11½%	1977	100¾		11.436	11.151
90¼	84-16	Treas 3%	1977	90¼	-¼	3.326	9.315
90¼	79¾	Treas 4½	1972-77	90¼	-¼	4.433	9.105
96-16	88¼	Treas 7%	1978	93½		9.887	13.048
100¾	96	Treas 10½%	1978	96¾	-⅛	10.860	11.952
81¾	78	Exch 5%	1976-78	86		5.814	10.724
79¾	69½	Treas 5%	1979	77¾		5.853	10.015
103¾	94¼	Treas 11½%	1979	99¾	-¼	11.537	11.944
81¾	69½	Elec 4½%	1974-79	80¾	-¼	5.304	10.587
108¼	94½	Treas 12½%	1979	95¼	-¼	11.038	12.070
72½	67¼	Elec 3½%	1976-79	78½	-¼	4.480	10.240
95	81¼	Treas Cav 9%	1980	88½	-¼	10.126	12.391
95¼	82¾	Treas 9¼%	1980	91¼	-¼	10.176	12.660
84½	69¼	Fund 5½%	1978-80	81¾		6.422	10.343
72	64¾	Treas 3½%	77-80	70¾		4.567	9.919
76½	61¼	Treas 3½%	79-81	74¾		4.736	9.948
91¼	73¾	Treas 9½%	1980-82	85¾	-¼	10.597	12.425
104¾	86¾	Treas 12%	1981	96¾		12.582	12.998
78	58	Fund 3½%	1982-84	67¾		7.785	11.014
82¼	61¾	Treas 9½%	1984-86	79¾		10.998	12.383
74¼	57¼	Fund 8%	1985-87	69¾		9.803	11.974
73¼	53	Treas 7¾%	1983-85	71		11.524	12.838
57¼	42¾	Treas 3%	1978-88	43¾		7.085	11.860
56½	39¾	Treas 3½	1986-89	51		9.841	12.554
75½	53¼	Treas 8¾%	1987-90	69¾		12.445	13.618
56	41¼	Fund 5¾%	1987-91	57¼		11.421	12.383
107	102	War Ln 3½%	1952	105		4.571	15.127
70	13	Consols 4%		15¾		14.571	...
24¾	14	Consols 2½%		16¾		14.939	...
20¾	14½	Treas. 3½%	Aft 75	16¾		19.213	...

COMMONWEALTH AND FOREIGN

89½	83¾	Aust 5½%	76-78	84¾		6.492	12.896
83¾	69¾	Aust 5½%	77-79	77½		7.251	13.167
69¾	58¾	Aust 5%	81-82	67½		8.174	13.716
57½	45	Aust 6%	61-63	51½		9.234	11.763
73¾	63	Aust 6%	74-76	94½		6.336	11.967
79¾	67½	Aust 6%	79-81	76		9.315	13.202
100	85	Berlin 4½	Aft 58	90			
95	92	Chilean Mixed		95			
14½	8	E Africa 5½%	...-53	61½		9.592	14.650
153	139	German 4½%	1928	139			
31	28	Hungary 4%	1924	31			
74¾	56¾	Ireland 4%	61-63	73			
78¾	72½	Jamaica 7%	77-79	75½		9.439	14.329
255	24	Japan Ass 4%	1910	150			
65½	34	Japan 6%	63-85	58½			
82¾	69¾	Kenya 6%	78-82	81½		8.247	14.555
71	64	Malaya 5%	74-76	70¾		7.813	13.628
78¾	67¾	N Z 6%	76-80	77¾		7.792	13.513
78¾	67¾	N Z 6%	77-79	77½		8.124	11.715
74¾	64¾	N Z 6%	78-82	76½		11.764	14.477
87	74	N Z 7½%	80-86	87¾		11.591	13.982
77¾	64½	N Rhd 6%	78-81	76½		7.854	12.553
78	61½	Nyasa 6%	78-81	76		8.061	12.908
150	80	Peru 6%	Ass	147			
78¾	69¾	S A Gov 5½%	74-76	74½			
20	16	S Rhd 3½%	75-80	34			
25	16	S Rhd 4%	57-92	24			
61	21	S Rhd 6%	78-81	45			
86	49	Spanish 4%		44			
81	58	Tang 5%	78-82	64½		9.021	14.786
74	61	Uruguay 3½%		71			

LOCAL AUTHORITIES

82½	75	L C C	3%	1920	15½	16.290	
88	80	L C C	3%	1929-49	15½	8.483	14.108
84	77	L C C	3%	1931-51	67¾	8.238	13.936
81	48¼	L C C	3½%	52-54	59	9.352	14.108
84	68	L C C	3½%	55-57	51½	11.067	14.228
81	63	L C C	3½%	58-60	54	6.983	13.579
77	61	L C C	3½%	60-62	51	12.099	14.943
83	63	G L C	6¾%	1976	96	7.020	12.115
89	69	G L C	6¾%	1977	92½	7.043	13.046
87	67	G L C	6¾%	1978	90½	13.469	13.917
83	64	G L C	6¾%	1977	90¾	7.983	12.117
81	62	G L C	6¾%	80-82	84¾	11.953	14.272
78	58	G L C	6¾%	1983-84	77¾	7.685	13.980
78	58	Fund	5¾%	1983-84	77¾	9.581	14.080
78	61	Treas	9¾%	1984-86	79¾	11.708	14.697
74	57	Fund	8%	1985-87	69¾	9.803	11.974
74	53	Treas	7¾%	1983-85	71	11.524	12.838
57¼	42¾	Treas	3%	1978-88	43¾	7.085	11.860
56½	39¾	Treas	3½	1986-89	51	9.841	12.554
75½	53¼	Treas	8¾%	1987-90	69¾	12.445	13.618
56	41¼	Fund	5¾%	1987-91	57¼	11.421	12.383
107	102	War Ln	3½%	1952	105	4.571	15.127
70	13	Consols	4%		15¾	14.571	...
24¾	14	Consols	2½%		16¾	14.939	...
20¾	14½	Treas.	3½%	Aft 75	16¾	19.213	...

1974/75 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div	Yld %	P/E
		COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL					
		A — B					
176	48	AAH	147	...	14.0p	9.5	6.2
103	22	AB Electronic	42	...	6.3	15.0	8.3
48	36	AC Cars	36	...	1.4	3.8	13.8
105	43	AD Intl	104½	+1	3.5	3.8	11.9
66	15	AGB Research	38	+1	3.0	8.5	6.0
230	83	APV Hldgs	215	...	13.7	6.4	8.3
90	31	AVP Ind	82	+1	3.7	7.1	8.0
80	13	Aaronson Bros	44	...	2.4	5.4	11.4
16	9½	Abrasives Int	15½	...	2.3	13.0	8.3
109½	49	Acrow	108	* ...	8.7	8.5	11.5
100	13½	Do A	100	* ...	8.7	8.7	10.8
21¾	15¾	Adams Food	19	...	1.6	8.5	7.2
30	5	Adda Int	6	...	...	...	...
170	57	Advest Group	110	...	9.7	8.8	8.2
48	8	Aerovt & Gen.	19½	...	1.5	7.6	9.8
125	58	Airflx Ind	125	...	4.3	3.4	11.6
79	17½	Do NV	79	...	4.3	5.4	7.4
90	21	Albright & W	89	...	5.4	7.6	6.9
79	28	Alcan 10½%	77	...	1050	14.5	...
83	54	Do 9½% Cv	80½	...	900	14.3	...
82	23	Allen E. Balfour	80	...	5.3	10.8	4.7
49	12	Allen W. G.	43	...	2.5	10.5	5.8
37½	14½	Alliance Alders	30	...	1.8	5.9	7.4
100	23½	Allied Colloids	98	...	1.9	2.3	10.6
30	9½	Allied Insulators	19½	...	2.1p	11.3	4.8
37	9	Allied Plant	34	...	2.09p	6.3	10.0
87	36	Allied Polymer	73	...	6.8	9.3	8.4
88	7	Allied Retailers	83	...	6.5	8.2	8.0
43	7	Alpine Hldgs	19½	...	1.3	6.4	11.7
197	122	Amal Metal	197	...	18.6	9.4	8.6
70	15	Amal Power	26	...	4.7	11.5	4.9
36	16	Amber Day	36	...	2.3	6.3	4.8
7	7	Amber Ind Hldgs	7	-½	0.3	4.3	6.9
54	26	Amdrex Chem	54	...	3.2	5.9	6.0
257	78	Anderson Strath	237	...	12.1p	5.2	9.7
810	355	Anglo Amer Ind	640	...	32.5	6.1	8.6
41	24	Ang Swiss Hldgs	39	...	...	...	...
185	125	Anglo-Trad Corp	165	...	8.5	6.1	7.0
65	13	Angloveer	15	...	2.5	10.0	10.7
51	20	Appleyard	51	...	3.7	12.6	8.5
19½	9	Aquascutum 'A'	19	...	1.7	9.3	6.5
27	9	Arlington Mtr	19	...	2.0	12.3	7.1
104	54	Armitage Shanks	84	...	3.6	4.8	11.3
34½	13	Armst Equip	33½	...	2.6	4.8	7.3
25½	22½	Asprey 6½% Pf	22½	...	6.3	15.6	...
22	12	Ass Biscuit	22	...	4.0	8.7	10.2
68	28	Do A	68	...	4.0	8.7	10.2
68	24	Ass Brit Food	68	...	2.4	3.7	11.3
68	24	Ass Engineer	68	...	5.6p	8.9	8.3
68	24	Ass Fisheries	68	...	3.9	7.3	10.3
32	15½	Ass Leisure	32	...	2.3	7.2	8.7
168	19	Ass News.	167	...	6.6	7.6	7.3
49	16	Ass Paper	49	...	4.0	12.5	5.5
156	61	Ass Port Cement	155	...	11.0	5.8	10.6
24	12	Ass Tel 'A'	24	...	6.0	10.2	9.3
24	12	Ass Tooling	24	...	2.4	8.2	4.6
47	17	Astbury & Aldley	47	...	2.4	6.2	4.6
47	16	Atlas Stone	115	...	8.2p	7.2	11.7
14	11	Attwood Garage	14	...	2.2	18.4	10.8
13	13	Audiotronic	13	...	5.0	13.3	6.8
35	11	Aull & Wilborg	35	...	3.38p	10.2	6.1
40	9	Aurora Hldgs	9	...	1.3	10.0	4.4
37	9	Austin E.	9	...	4.5	9.9	3.5
60	15	Automotive Pd	15	...	2.3	6.1	7.2
151	28	Averys	104½	...	6.7	6.4	10.3
28	22	Avon Rubber	28	...	...	...	3.1
17	17	BBA Grp	17	...	3.2p	6.4	7.9
52	28	BICC	117	...	10.2	8.7	8.6
53	17	BOC Int	53½	...	3.7p	6.8	8.8
125	45	BPB Ind	125	...	8.5	6.8	7.2
30	4	BPM Hldgs 'A'	24	...	3.7	15.4	5.6
4	4	*BSG Int*	4	...	...	...	14.6
80	21	BSR Ltd	57	...	3.2	5.6	8.5
148	49	BTR Ltd	148	...	10.0p	6.9	10.8
105	21	Babcock & W	98	...	3.0p	4.3	9.3
30	18	Bacal Const	18	...	...	...	2.0
37	17	Baggeridge Brk	28	...	2.7	10.2	6.9
48	8	Bailey C.H. Ord	8	...	0.3	4.9	2.8
68	28	Baird W.	68	...	11.6	17.1	4.8
31	15	Baker Perkins	31	...	4.9	7.1	10.5
80	13	Bamberger's	80	...	3.7	7.6	6.5
38	32	Barker & Dobson	38	...	...	...	...
338	132	Barlow Rand	280	...	12.5	8.1	...
11	11	Barr & Wallace	40	...	4.2	10.5	36.4
11	11	Do A	40	...	4.2	10.5	36.4
106	47	Barratt Devs	106	...	9.5	8.7	8.8
41	19½	Barrow Hepbn	41	...	4.4p	10.8	5.1
106	16	Barton & Sons	36	...	5.8	10.7	3.7
33	19	Bassett G.	33	...	5.8	17.6	11.0
78	17	Bath & Portland	78	...	3.5	11.3	4.3
131	57	Baxter Fell	87	...	5.1	13.1	7.3
57	17	Beales J.	57	...	3.1	12.5	7.5
80	30	Beaufort Clark	56	...	3.0	10.7	6.0
52	12	Beauford Grp	38	...	3.9	15.1	9.5
200	80	Beaverbrook	200	...	10.0	5.0	...
210	110	Beecham Grp	210	...	5.2	5.3	17.0
116	62	Bejam Grp	115	...	5.2	5.3	17.0
34	10	Bellhouse Corp	34	...	2.5	15.1	8.6
217	97	Bemi Bros	217	...	7.7	15.1	8.5
45	18	Berisford's S. & W.	21	...	9.1p	4.2	10.3
33	15	Berkshards	30	...	3.0	9.6	4.2
44	15	Berrick Tmpo	44	* ...	3.8p	8.5	4.6
73	19	Bestobell	73	...	7.6p	10.3	6.3
37	9	Bett Bros	37	...	4.1p	11.0	5.2
17	7	Bibby J.	17	...	2.7	15.9	6.0
34	19	Billam J.	34	...	4.3	10.1	5.8
51	16	Birmid Qualcst	51	...	5.1	9.9	9.4
37	17	Birm'gham Mint	34	...	2.3	10.2	6.3
54	16	Bishops Stores	139	...	3.0	2.3	13.9
93	33	Do A NV	93	...	3.0	3.0	6.4
168	53	Black & Edg'tn	168	...	8.0	6.3	6.5
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14	9	Blundell Perm	14	...	2.4	10.0	5.1
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14	6	Bodycote	14	...	1.0p	5.3	5.9
58	16	Bolton Textile	58	...	1.8	20.3	7.9
15	8	Bonas Webb	8	...	0.8	3.3	...
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17	7	Boulton W.	15½	...	1.6	10.1	6.8
174	54	Bowater Corp	173	...	12.9p	6.1	8.5
45	16	Bowthorpe Hldgs	34	...	1.8	5.4	7.1
63	15	Braby Leslie	30	...	4.4	8.7	3.2
58	7	Brady G.	58	...	8.0	12.9	4.1
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19	10	Braid Grp	19	...	1.5	7.9	6.8
125	35	Braithwaite	83	...	9.8	11.8	5.4
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37	20	Brierleys	37	...	3.3	7.3	10.3
21	15½	Bright J. Grp	21	...	2.2	10.4	5.7
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37	9	Brit Enkalon	18	...	0.4	2.1	6.2
31	13	Brit Home Stre	31	...	11.4	13.3	15.7
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43	14	Brit Mohair	43	...	1.9	7.8	7.4
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81	29	Bullough Ltd	81	...	7.0p	12.8	4.5
110	47	Bulmer & Lumb	110	...	3.6	16.3	7.4
106	47	Bunzl Pulp	106	...	5.9	6.7	5.5
73	19	Burco Dean	29	...	4.4	15.2	5.0
74	16	Burgess Prod	74	...	4.9	14.5	8.0
39	24	Burnett & Hallr	39	...	2.1	5.4	6.0
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15¾	5¾	Burrell & Co	15¾	...	0.9	11.5	...
300	135	Burt Boulton	195	...	15.2	7.8	20.0
139	39	Burton Grp	139	...	6.8	11.9	6.5
112	28	Do A	112	...	6.8	11.9	6.5
49	24	Bury & Masen	49	...	2.3	11.7	6.3
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110	13	CCH Int	19	...	2.5	14.0	9.6
39½	10	CGSB Hldgs	39	...	3.5p	7.8	10.2
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43	43	Clarke Clem.	43	...	3.8	6.5	6.0
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83	83	Cobden Int	83	...	3.5	4.2	6.5
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17	17	Concrete Ltd	17	...	1.1	6.4	11.2
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37	37	Cope Allman	37	...	3.5	10.1	3.6
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35	11	Cowie T.	18	...	2.0	11.3	10.0
40	15½	Cox Ind	18	...	...	...	2.4
37	9	Crane Fruehauf	13	...	1.2	9.2	...
34	22	Crellon Hldgs	22	-1	2.4	10.9	4.4
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES

Department of Public Highways

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

Manila

PREQUALIFICATION NOTICE

1. The Government of the Philippines (Department of Public Highways) invites interested contractors to submit information for prequalification purposes in connection with the proposed bidding for the construction of highway projects located in the Island of Mindoro, Province of Oriental Mindoro.

2. The Government of the Philippines has obtained a loan from the IBRD (The World Bank) to cover the anticipated foreign exchange cost of the projects which are included in the Philippine Rural Development Project (Mindoro Integrated Rural Development Project), while the local currency cost will be financed out of Government funds.

3. The prequalification is open only to contractors located in World Bank member countries and Switzerland.

4. The works are covered by three contracts. Prequalified contractors may bid for one or several of the contracts. The preliminary total estimated contruction cost is US $14 million, ranging from US$3 million to 6 million for the various contracts.

5. Tender Documents are expected to be issued to the prequalified contractors in December 1975-January 1976 and construction should start in May-June 1976.

6. The Projects will involve the construction and improvement of about 150 kilometres of the Calapan North and South Roads (National Highway) from Calapan and Baco in the north to Roxas in the south. All contracts will have double bituminous surface treatment and seal coat surface, crushed stone base and aggregate sub-base. Culverts will be reinforced concrete pipe and reinforced concrete box culverts. Bridges will be reinforced concrete deck girder type on reinforced concrete piles. In addition, the specific construction projects basically include the following :

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7. Any suitably experienced contractor interested in tendering for the works should forward his name and address to the Mindoro Integrated Rural Development Project at the address given under Item 17, who will furnish him a copy of the prequalification documents.

8. Prequalification Information. In accordance with the prequalification document, must be submitted not later than 5.00 p.m. Manila time, January 5, 1976, to the Secretary of Public Highways.

9. The Secretary of Public Highways will inform the contractors who have prequalified to bid for one or more sections of work.

The reasons for disqualification will not be given. Documents submitted in connection with the prequalification will be treated as confidential, and will not be returned.

10 Investigation made by interested contractors shall be made without cost or obligations to the Department of Public Highways. In issuing this notice, the Department of Public Highways does not bind itself to call the bid.

11 The Chief of the DPH Agency in charge for these projects is :

PROJECT DIRECTOR
Mindoro Integrated Rural Development Project Office (Road Component)
Region IV-B DPH Design Team Consulting Office
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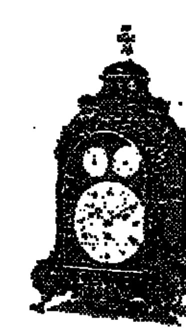
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Notice is hereby given, that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 6th day of October 1975, presented to the said Court by the London Electricity Board, 46 New Broad Street, London EC2M 1LS. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London WC2A 2LL, on the 10th day of November 1975, and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

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No. 72 of 1975
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter of ADROIT SERVICES (BUILDING CONTRACTORS) Limited. Nature of Business: Building Contractors.
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Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 9th day of September, 1975, presented to the said Court by British *Airways Board* whose registered office is situate at Air Terminal, Victoria, London, SW1, and that the said Petition was directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London on the 20th day of October, 1975. At the hearing of *the said* Petition on the 20th day of October, 1975, the Court ordered that The Commissioners of Inland Revenue of Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LB be substituted as Petitioning Creditors and that the hearing of the amended Petition be adjourned to the 10th day of November, 1975. Any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making *of an Order* on the said Petition may appear at the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose, and a copy of the said Petition will be furnished to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring the same by the undersigned on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

ERIC MOSES, Solicitor of Inland Revenue, Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LB.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named Solicitor of Inland Revenue notice in writing of his intention so to do. *The notice must* state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in *sufficient time to reach* the above-named Solicitor of Inland Revenue not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 7th day of November 1975.

No. 003439 of 1975
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies Court In the Matter of HARVEST HILL ESTATES Limited and in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was on the 20th day of October 1975 presented to the said Court by G. E. Wallis and Sons Limited whose registered office is situate at Cosmos House, 2/6 Homesdale Road, Bromley, Kent, BR2 9TN, and that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, WC2A 2LL on the 24th day of November 1975 and any creditor or contributory of the said Company desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order on the said Petition may appear at the time of Hearing in person or by *his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy* of the Petition will be furnished by the undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

BATT HOLDEN, 18 High Street, Wimbledon, SW19 5DX. Solicitors for the Petitioner.

Note: Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on or send by post to the above named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person or, if a firm, the name and address of the firm, and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above named not later than 4 o'clock in the afternoon of the 21st day of November 1975.

No. 003261 of 1975.
In the HIGH COURT of JUSTICE Chancery Division Companies *Court. In the Matter of SANDS AND* FAIRLEY Limited. And in the Matter of The Companies Act 1948.

Notice is hereby given that a PETITION for the WINDING-UP of the above-named Company by the High Court of Justice was, on the 6th day of October, 1975, presented to the said Court by Mobile Caterers (Oxford) Limited whose Registered Office is situate at 13 Cumnor Hill, North Hinksey, Oxford. And that the said Petition is directed to be heard before the Court sitting at the Royal Courts of Justice, Strand, London, WC2A 2LL, on the 10th day of November, 1975, and any creditor or contributory desirous to support or oppose the making of an Order *on the said Petition may appear at* the time of hearing in person or by his Counsel for that purpose; and a copy of the Petition will be furnished by the said undersigned to any creditor or contributory of the said Company requiring such copy on payment of the regulated charge for the same.

COLE & COLE, St. George's Mansions, George Street, Oxford. Solicitors to the Petitioner.

NOTE.—Any person who intends to appear on the hearing of the said Petition must serve on, or send by post to, the above-named notice in writing of his intention so to do. The notice must state the name and address of the person, or, if a firm, *the name and address of the firm,* and must be signed by the person or firm, or his or their Solicitor (if any), and must be served or, if posted, must be sent by post in sufficient time to reach the above-named not later than four o'clock in the afternoon of the 7th day of November, 1975.

NOTICE FOR THE DAY FIXED FOR SETTLING A SALE PROCLAMATION (Order 21, Rule 66). In the Court of the First Civil Judge, Kanpur, U.P. (India). Suit No. 141 of 1957. Execution No. 17 of 1968. Hindustan Commercial Bank Ltd., Kanpur, U.P. (India) Plaintiffs *Decree-holders* Vs Murlidhar Kanodia and others, Defendants-Judgment-Debtors to, Jai Prakash Kanodia, S.o Murlidhar Kanodia, C/o Dr. Ansell, R/o Sandringham Hill, Dereham, Norfolk, U.K. (England), Judgment Debtor.

Whereas in the above named execution, the Hindustan Commercial Bank Ltd., Kanpur, U.P. (India) the decree-holders have applied for the sale of the mortgaged property, you are hereby informed that the 19th day of December, 1975 has been fixed for settling the terms of the proclamation of sale.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Court this 21st day of October, 1975.

R. S. Nigam, First Civil Judge, Kanpur.

No. 001078 of 1971
THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of PENNYBRIDGE DEVELOPMENT CO. Limited

Notice is hereby given that a FIRST and FINAL Payment to PREFERENTIAL CREDITORS is intended to be declared *in the above-named* Company and that Preferential Creditors who have not already proved their claims are to come in and prove such claims on or before the 12th November 1975 after which date the Official Receiver and Liquidator of the above-named Company will proceed to distribute the assets of the said Company having regard only to such Preferential Creditors as shall then have proved their claims.

N. SADDLER, *Official Receiver* and Liquidator, Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London. EC1N 2HD.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 *In the* Matter of A. T. PICCOS Limited Nature of Business: Builders
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th October 1975
DATE and *PLACE* of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 11th November 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 3.00 o'clock
CONTRIBUTORIES on the same day and at the same place at 3.30 o'clock.
D. A. WILLIAMS, Official Receiver and Provisional Liquidator.

THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of GREENGAGE CONTRACTS Limited Nature of Business: Builders
WINDING UP ORDER MADE 6th October 1975
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 11th November 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 11.00 o'clock
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948. In the Matter *of* FILM-MAKERS (TELEVISION COMMERCIALS) Limited. NATURE OF BUSINESS: Producers of TV Commercials.
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 13th October, 1975.
DATE AND PLACE OF FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 11th November, 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House, Holborn Viaduct, London EC1N 2HD, at 3.30 o'clock.
CONTRIBUTORIES. On the same day and at the same place at 4.00 o'clock.
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THE COMPANIES ACT, 1948 In the Matter of FAIRNINGTON & CO. Limited Nature of Business: Builders
WINDING-UP ORDER MADE 6th October 1975
DATE and PLACE of FIRST MEETINGS:
CREDITORS 11th November 1975, at Room G20 Atlantic House Holborn Viaduct London EC1N 2HD at 10.00 o'clock
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...es. 2.00 pm, Let's Face ...ames. 5.20, Walt Till ...r Gets Home. 5.50, ...About Anglia. 6.35, ...20, Reflection.

BBC 2

11.00-11.25 am, Play School. 3.00 pm, Parents and Children. 3.30-3.55, Do-It-Yourself Film Animation Show. 6.40-7.05, Ensemble.
7.30 Newsday.
7.50 Book Programme.
8.15 Floodlit Rugby: Warrington v Wigan.
9.00 Film: Roxie Hart, with Ginger Rogers.*
10.15 The Old Grey Whistle Test.
10.50 News.
11.05 Film: The October Crisis of 1970 in Quebec.
12.25-12.30 am, Renée Asherson reads Tortoise Family Connexions, by D. H. Lawrence.

Granada

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, This is Your Right. 1.30, Thames. 5.15, What on Earth. 5.20, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Granada Reports. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, Thames. 12.00-12.30 am, Alfred Hitchcock Presents.*

Grampian

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Grampian News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Wildlife Theatre. 5.50, News. 6.00, Grampian Today. 6.10, Country Focus. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Police News. 11.35, Ski-ing with Gina. 12.05 am, Prayers.

Tyne Tees

12.00, Thames. 1.30 pm, Love American Style. 2.00, Thames. 5.20, Emmerdale Farm. 5.50, News. 6.00, Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Greatest Fights of the Century: Charles v Walcott. 11.40, Epilogue.

Ulster

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Ulster News Headlines. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Castaway. 5.50, News. 6.00, UTV Reports. 6.35, Thames. 8.00, Film: Cat on a Hot Tin Roof, with Elizabeth Taylor, Paul Newman. 10.00-11.30, Thames.

Scottish

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Road Report. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Housecall. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Babar. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Scotland Today. 6.30, Nature in Retreat. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, Late Call.

Thames

12.00, Paperplay. 12.10 pm, Pipkins. 12.30, Regional Flavour. 1.00, News. 1.20, Lunchtime Today. 1.30, Emmerdale Farm. 2.00, Good Afternoon. 2.30, Couples. 3.00, A Raging Calm. 3.55, General Hospital. 4.25, Look Alive. 4.50, Magpie. 5.20, The Ghost and Mrs Muir.
5.50 News. 6.00, Today.
6.35 Crossroads.
7.00 Benny Hill Show.
8.00 James Bond Film, Dr No, with Sean Connery, Ursula Andress.
10.00 News.
10.30 A Chance in Life . . .
11.30 His Face is Familiar—What's he Done?
12.00 Visions of the Spirit.

Yorkshire

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Calendar News. 1.30, Mr and Mrs. 2.00, Thames. 5.20, Emmerdale Farm. 5.50, News. 6.00, Calendar. 6.35-12.00, Thames.

ATV

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, ATV News. 1.30, Thames. 5.20, Around the World in 80 Days. 5.50, News. 6.00, ATV Today. 6.35, Thames. 11.30, Gardening. 12.00, Father Paschal.

Southern

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Southern News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, Betty Boop. 5.25, Crossroads. 5.50, News. 6.00, Day by Day. 6.30, University Challenge. 7.00, Thames. 11.30, Firehouse. 11.55, Southern News. 12.05 am, Weather. Guideline.

Border

12.00, Thames. 1.20 pm, Border News. 1.30, Thames. 2.00, Houseparty. 2.30, Thames. 5.20, The Beachcombers. 5.50, News. 6.00, Border News. 6.35, Thames. 12.00, Border News Summary.

Radio

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6.00 am, News. Simon Bates.† 7.00, Noel Edmonds. 9.00, Tony Blackburn. 12.00, Johnnie Walker. 2.02 pm, David Hamilton.† 4.30, DLT. 5.45, Newsbeat. 6.02, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Sports Desk. 7.02, Three in a Row. 7.30, Robin Richmond.† 8.02, Among Your Souvenirs.† 9.02, The Songwriters, Henry Mancini.† 10.02, Ian Carmichael's Music Night.† 11.00, John Peel.† 12.00-12.05 am, News. † Stereo.

2
6.00 am, Radio 1. 7.02, Terry Wogan.† 8.27, Racing Bulletin.† 9.02, Pete Murray.† 10.30, Waggoners' Walk. 11.30, Jimmy Young.† 2.02 pm, Radio 1. 4.30, Waggoners' Walk. 4.45, Sports Desk. 4.47, Sam Costa.† 6.45, Radio 1. 11.05, Colin Berry (1,500m). 12.00-12.05 am, News.

3
7.00 am, News. 7.05, Roberday, Avison, Gretry, Handel.† 8.00, News. 8.05, Glazunov, Prokofiev.† 9.00, News. 9.05, Taneyev and Borodin.† 9.40, Academy of the BBC: Boccherini, Bartok, Haydn. 10.40, Piano Recital: Chopin, David Wynne.† 11.15, Schütz at 26: Concert.† 12.15 pm, Cardiff Midday Prom, part 1: Ravel, Mozart. 1.00, News. 1.05, The Arts Worldwide. 1.20, Concert, part 2: Shostakovich.† 2.05, Concert: Handel, Arrigo.† 2.55, Pachelbel, arr Münchinger, Handel, Michael Haydn, Mozart.† 4.10, Concert Club: Sweelinck, Balbastre, Rameau, Bach.† 4.55, Jazz Today.† 5.25, Pied Piper.† 5.45, Homeward bound.† 6.05, News. 6.10, Homeward Bound (continued).† 6.30, Why Work? 7.00, Teaching Adults to Read. 7.30, BBC Manchester Concert: Stravinsky, Brahms.† 8.25, The Medicine of Rome and Her Legions, talk by Dr Bernard Knight. 8.40, Concert, part 2: Debussy, Stravinsky.† 9.30, Coleridge-Taylor: Clarinet Quintet. 10.15, The End of American Exceptionalism by Daniel Bell. 10.45, English Consort Music.† 11.25-11.30, News.

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6.20 am, News. 6.22, Farming. 6.40, Prayer. 6.45, Today. 7.00, News and more of Today. 8.00, News and more of Today. 8.45, Yesterday in Parliament. 9.00, News. 9.05, Tuesday Call: 01-580 4411, Family Planning. 10.00, News. 10.05, From Our Own Correspondent. 10.30, Service. 10.45, Story. 11.00, News. 11.05, Down Your Way. 11.45, Bear With Me. 12.00, News. 12.02, You and Yours. 12.27, Just a Minute. 12.55, Weather.
1.00 pm, News. 1.30, The Archers. 1.45, Woman's Hour. 2.45, Listen With Mother. 3.00, News. 3.05, Great Expectations. 4.00, News. 4.05, Gardeners' Question Time. 4.35, Story, Persuasion, part 7. 5.00, PM Reports. 5.55, Weather. 6.00, News. 6.15, My Word! 6.45, The Archers. 7.00, News. Desk. 7.30, Radio 3. 9.30, Kaleidoscope. 9.59, Weather. 10.00, News. 10.45, A Book at Bedtime: In a Beautiful Pea-Green Boat. 11.00, The Financial World Tonight. 11.15, Today in Parliament. 11.30, News. 11.51-11.54, Inshore Forecast.

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CLARKE.—On October 16th, to Lilah (nee Forrester) and Peter—a son (Timothy), a brother for Paul.

COPELAND.—On 25th October, at University College Hospital, W.C.1, to Sue (nee Pitt) and James—a son.

FARMAR.—On 26th October, to Carole and Peregrine—a daughter.

FARRINGTON.—On 24th October, at Harpenden, to Jennifer (nee Anderson) and David—a third daughter (Elizabeth Clare).

FREEMAN.—*On October 26th, at* The Yeatman Hospital, Sherborne Dorset, to Sally wife of Martin Freeman—a daughter.

GOMMES.—On October 26th, to Helena (nee Alexandrou) and John Gommes—a son.

HUNTER. — On October 31st, to John and Margaret — a boy (Edward William Rotheram.)

INTROVIGNE.—On October 24th, at *Oxford, to Erica (nee Fletcher)* and Edoardo Introvigne—a son (Christian).

MAGNEY.—On 26th October, to Gabrielle and John Christopher—a daughter.

McWHANNELL.—On 25th October, at Eastern General Hospital, Edinburgh, to Willa (nee Robertson) and Colin, of Doha Qatar—twin daughters (Fiona Jean and *Amy Louise*).

MESSUM.—On October 25th, at Royal Berkshire Hospital, Reading, to Peggolly (nee Milligan) and David—a son (Johnathan).

MONKHOUSE.—On October 27, at Kings' College Hospital, to Susan and Stanley—a daughter (Helen Victoria).

NIELD.—On October 25th, at St. Peter's Hospital, Chertsey, to *Cynthia and Geoff*—a son (Stephen Richard).

WALKER.—On October 23rd to Susan Lievesley (nee Stock) and David. Home address: 46 Wellesley Street, Hobart 7000, Tasmania—a son.

MARRIAGES

CARSTAIRS : GRIMSHAW.—On 25th October, 1975, at St. Mary's Church, Lowdham, Christopher David Carstairs, son of Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Carstairs, of Hadley Green, Herts, and Johanne Carmichael Grimshaw, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Grimshaw, of Lowdham, Notts.

GILLOTT : BENTLEY JONES.—On October 25th at St. Martin-in-the-Fields, Roland, younger son of Mr. and *Mrs. J. A. Gillott, of* Northwood, Middlesex, to Rae, daughter of the late Leslie Bentley Jones and of Mrs. M. Bucks, of Moor Park, Northwood.

SMITH : HAVELAND. — On October 25th at St. Peter's Church, Norton, Roderic Bernard, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. Smith of Shepherds Bush Road, W.6, to Kristina Johanna, younger daughter of Mr. and Mrs. N. Haveland of Dysart Avenue, Kingston upon Thames.

DEATHS

ADAMS, LADY TATIANA, aged 70, of 17 Upper Strand St., Sandwich, Kent, widow of Sir Walter Adams, former director of L.S.E., beloved mother of Michael, Peter, Natasha and George, died suddenly whilst on holiday in America. Funeral Russian Orthodox Holy Trinity Church, Astoria, New York. 29 October, 9.00 a.m.

AGNEW.—On October 24, 1975, Colin Agnew, aged 93, a partner and director of Thos. Agnew and Sons, Ltd., for 61 years. Cremation private. Memorial service to be announced later.

ANDERSON.—On October 26th, 1975, in a nursing home, at Hove, Jessie Anne Anderson, very dearly loved cousin of Joan and Michael. Service at The Downs Crematorium, Bear Road, Brighton, on Thursday, October 30th, at 11.45 a.m. Flowers may be sent to Hanningtons, 4/6 Montefiore Road, Hove. Telephone Brighton 778755.

BASTIAN.—*On October* 23, 1975, peacefully at Villa Mireio, Chemin de Vallauris, Juan-les-Pins, aged 86, Elisabeth, widow of Francis A. Bastian, beloved mother of George and Andrew, and much loved grandmother and great grandmother.

BAXTER.—On October 24th, aged 91 years, at her home in Chelsea, Clara Ellen Baxter, nurse and life-long friend of Simon and James Allison and of Susan Reid the children of Kathleen Allison and of the late Professor Philip R. Allison.

BEAVEN.—*On October 26th, suddenly*, Charles Anthony, aged 63 years, of Brook Cottage, Fore Street, Plympton St. Maurice, beloved husband of Joan. Funeral service St. Maurice Church, 10.30 a.m., Thursday, October 30th, followed by cremation at Efford. Family flowers only, by request. No letters, please. Donations if desired to Cancer Research, care *of Mrs. Elliott*, 9 Victoria Place, Stoke, Plymouth.

BLACKALL.—On 26th October, quietly in hospital, George Blackall, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., M.A., aged 76, late of Belmont *Lodge, New Eltham, dear husband* of Teresa (now living at 6 Moat Court, Court Road, Eltham) and father of Mary, Ruth and Tessa. Funeral at Christ Church, Eltham High Street, at 1.00 p.m. on *Thursday, 30th October. Flowers* to Francis Chappell and Sons, 72 High Street, Eltham, London, S.E.9.

BLAIKLEY.—On 26th October, 1975, peacefully at The Rowans, Crowborough, *Sussex, Editha* Leighton, aged 88 years. Funeral *service at* Tunbridge Wells Crematorium on Friday, 31st October, at 3 p.m.

BRIGGS.—On October 26th, suddenly, at his residence, 24 Nelmes Way, Hornchurch, Dr Patrick J. Briggs, deeply mourned by his loving wife, Nuala, and children, Patrick, Joseph, Nuala-Maria, Paul and Fiona. R.I.P. Funeral Thursday, October 30th. Service at The Church of "Christ the Eternal High Priest", Brentwood Road, Gidea Park, at 2.30. Followed by interment at Upminster Cemetery at 3.30. Flowers and inquiries to J. Hawes Ltd., 223, North Street, Romford. Telephone 70 40050.

BROWN.—On 27th October in hospital and of 2 St Eric's Road, Bessacarr, Doncaster, aged 79 years, Edmund Arthur, the dearly loved husband of Alice and a dear father. Service at Epworth Parish Church on Thursday, 30th October, at 10.45 am followed by private cremation. No flowers by request, enquiries Steadmans Funeral Service. Tel.: Doncaster 4444.

BURROWS.—On October 26, 1975, peacefully in his sleep at *"Beth-Shean". Ringley Park* Avenue, Reigate, Victor Albert Burrows, aged 88 years, dearly beloved husband of Margaret and dear father of Auriol Raymond, Veronica and Michael and *grandfather of their children.* Funeral service at St. Paul's Church, Redhill, on Saturday, November 1st, at 10.45 a.m. Cremation private, family flowers only, donations to British and *Foreign Bible Society.*

COCKRAM.—On October 24th, 1975, peacefully, at her home, Durley Lodge, Bury St. Edmunds, Ella Joyce Cockram, D.M., J.P. *Loved sister-in-law of Marjorie* and aunt to David, Susan and James. Funeral service at St. Edmundsbury Cathedral on Thursday, 30th October, at 3.15 p.m., followed by cremation. *The casket will be interred in Torquay* Cemetery. Family flowers only, but donations, if desired, to The Diabetic Research Fund, c/o L. Fulcher Ltd., 10 Whiting St., Bury St. Edmunds. A Memorial *Service will be held at St.* Edmundsbury Cathedral on Sunday, 30th November, at 3 p.m.

COOPER.—On October 25th, Gerald Alfred Cooper, at St. Georges Hospital, Tooting. Cremation Friday, October 31st at 10.00 a.m. at Putney Vale Cemetery. No flowers, please.

CRAIG, NANCY.—On Sunday, October 19, 1975, peacefully, at her *home in Perth, Western Australia*, beloved wife of the late Colin Craig, mother of Robin, Harriet and Jane, sister of Judy Messel, of Cambridge, and daughter of the late Field Marshal Lord Birdwood, *of Anzac and Totnes.*

CURTIS.—Lieutenant-Colonel Alfred Guy Noel, 6th DCO Lancers (Watson's Horse), Indian Army, 15th October, in Spain, after a road accident. Dearly loved husband of Diana Curtis, *Altamont*, Kilbride, Carlow, Ireland. Memorial service Aghade Church, near Tullow, Saturday, 25th October, at 3 p.m.

CUTLER.—On October 26th, Blanche Mary, in her 98th year, widow of Colonel M. E. Cutler, of Croydon, and last surviving child of William H. Dees, of Bellingham, Northumberland, and *Croydon. Beloved mother of* Barbara, Eric and Yvonne and a loving grandmother and great grandmother. Requiem Mass will take place at St Edward's Church, Keymer, Sussex, on Thursday, *October 30th, at 11 a.m. to be* followed by interment at Sanderstead, Surrey. Family flowers only. RIP.

FRISBY.—On 26th October, at 75 Woodside, S.W.19, in his 86th year, Herbert Rowell (Frizzles), beloved husband of Chloe and father of Janet Harris. Cremation at Putney Vale at 12 noon on 30th October. No flowers.

GAMBLE.—*On 24th October*, 1975, in hospital, Arthur Mellor Gamble, priest. Cremation private. Memorial service, St. Margaret's Church, Cley-next-the-Sea, Norfolk, 3.30 p.m., Thursday, 30th *October.*

GREENHILL, JUDITH EVELYN.—On Sunday, 26th October, peacefully, at Epsom District Hospital, aged 84, widow of the Reverend E. Percy Greenhill, beloved *mother of Elizabeth, dear sister* of Geoffrey Clarke. Funeral at Church of the Good Shepherd, Tadworth, on Thursday, 30th October, at 2.30 p.m., followed by interment at St Peter's *Churchyard, Walton-on-the-Hill.* Family flowers only. Please, no letters.

GARBETT.—On October 23rd, 1975, suddenly Lady Marjorie Josephine Garbett, K.I.H. (Silver), widow of Sir Colin Garbett, I.C.S. (retd.), and dearly loved mother of Jacynthe M. S. Garbett, care *of Barclays Bank Ltd.*, Wallington, Surrey.

GURLING.—On 23rd October, suddenly, Nonie (nee Sempill), wife of Kenneth, mother of Catherine and Hugh. Private Cremation, no flowers at her request. She loved us all.

HAWKSLEY. — On October 25th, suddenly at home Eric Dickens Bourchier, dearly loved husband of Eleanor. Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Pity, Hazlewell Road, Putney, S.W.15, 11 a.m. on 31st October. Followed by Private Cremation. Cut flowers only to Ashtons, 221 Upper Richmond Road, S.W.15.

HAZELL.—On 25th October, peacefully at her home, Walesbeech Road, Saltdean, May, sadly missed by Joyce, Ursula, Hans, Roland, Michael and Graham. Cremation Friday 31st October. Flowers please to J. Wagstaff Ltd., Wilhyham Avenue, Saltdean.

HOGBIN.—*On Sunday, October 26,* 1975, Leslie Hogbin, of Inverleigh Park Road, Ramsgate, dear father of Daphne, Valerie and the late Claude. Funeral service at Thanet Crematorium, at Margate, *on Wednesday, October 29,* at 12.30 p.m. No flowers; donations, if desired, to Rotary Club of Ramsgate Charity Account, care of San Clu Hotel, Ramsgate.

HOLLAND.—On 25th October, 1975, at home, Muriel Mary, A.R.A.M., dear sister of Hilda and beloved neice and friend and much loved "Holly" of her many pupils. Funeral service at St. Mark's Church, Wimbledon, on Thursday, 30th October, at 3.15 p.m., followed by cremation at Putney Vale Crematorium, no flowers please, but donations if desired to Cancer Research. A memorial service to be announced later.

HUNT.—On October 26, in a Nursing Home, Brigadier Albert Edward Hunt, husband of the *late Helen, dear brother of* Gwen. Service at St. Michael's Church, Blundellsands, on Wednesday, October 29 at 12 noon. Cremation following at Thornton Crematorium. Family flowers *only, please.* 11-12 *Channel* Reach, Blundellsands, Liverpool 23.

JAMES.—On Sunday, October 26th, at her home, 32 Marine Terrace, Aberystwyth, Sarah Annie, dearly beloved *wife of the late* Dr Gwilym James, of Llanelli and Aberystwyth and very dear mother of Margot and dear sister of Theodora Lloyd, Roseland, Llanon. Funeral Wednesday, October 29th, at 2 p.m., at Llansantffraed Church, Llanon, Ceredigion. Family flowers only.

LAWS.—On October 27th, 1975, Frederick Charles Victor, C.B., C.B.E., *F.R.P.S., R.A.F.* (retd), in his 88th year, peacefully at home, 22 Dukes Lodge, W.11. Devoted husband of Grace and beloved father of Millicent Lawton.

LEIGHTON.—On 26th October, 1975, *Alan Leighton, suddenly*, at home. Funeral arrangements will be advised later.

LE ROSSIGNOL.—On October 26th, *1975, peacefully at St Helier*, Penn Road, Beaconsfield, two weeks after the 65th anniversary of our wedding day, Emily, aged 90, beloved wife of Robert Le Rossignol. Cremation at Amersham, on *Friday* 31st October, at 1.30. No flowers or letters, please.

LUNZER.—On October 25th, Richard David, of 9 Weymouth St., W.1. Beloved husband of Erica and son of Ferdinand and Rachel.

MAJOR.—On 25th October, peacefully, 7 The Rocks, Shrewsbury, Ruth Major, aged 85, widow of Arthur George Major, of Frogmore, Upton Magna. Funeral service at 2 p.m., on Wednesday, 29th October at Holy Trinity Church, Meole Brace, Shrewsbury.

MARRIOTT.—*On October 22nd*, Clifford Dobell, of Greenbank, Ford, dear husband of Joan and father of Robin and John. Service at Ford Church, Thursday, October 30th, at 2 p.m. No flowers, please.

MORGAN.—On October 26, 1975, Group-Captain Whitworth Archibald Cecil, M.B.E., M.C., at his home, Mill Lane, Pavenham, *Bedford. Pavenham family only* at the funeral service. No flowers. Memorial service in the Spring, 1977.

ODESS.—On October 23rd, 1975, Dr. Matthew Odess, retired G.P. of Notting Hill, passed away peacefully. Cremation Golders Green, Thursday, 30th, 1.45 p.m. No flowers, but donations to St. Mary's Hospital, W.2.

OTTEN.—On October 27th, peacefully, Christine Elizabeth (Liz) nee Lagden. Funeral private. Remembrance Service at St. Georges Church, Aubrey Walk, Campden Hill on November 11th at 12.00 noon. No letters, please, donations, if desired, to Imperial Cancer Research, P.O. Box 123, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C.2.

PATTULLO.—On 26th October, 1975, Norman Adam at Stracathro Hospital, Brechin, aged 69 years. Beloved husband of Betty, Wester Dun, Bridge of Dun, Montrose, and father of *Dione Henderson. Funeral service* in St Andrew's Church, Brechin, on Thursday, 30th October, at 2 p.m., thereafter private. Family flowers only and donations if desired to Cancer *Research Campaign, Department* TXL, 2 Carlton House Terrace, London, SW1 5AR.

RUDD.—On October 26, 1975, Cecil Wallace, of The Old Parsonage, Stoughton, Chichester, most dearly loved husband of Jean, father of Pen, and stepfather of Christopher, and youngest son of the late Mr and Mrs C. D. Rudd, of Ardnamurchan, Argyllshire. Funeral private, no flowers, please.

SEEAR.—On October 12, peacefully in Scotland, Dr Philip George Seear, aged 53, beloved father of Louise, 9 Curzon Place, London, W.1.

SLOUGH.—On 27th October, 1975, at his home after a long illness, William John (Bill), of 125 Stoneleigh Ave., Worcester *Park, beloved husband of Betty*, dearly loved father of John and Jean. Funeral Friday, 31st October at Epsom Cemetery, 12 noon. All flowers and enquiries please to Frederick W. Paine, Funeral Directors, 28, 30 Central Road, Worcester Park. Telephone: 01-337 1062.

TINNEY.—On October 25 in hospital, Marjorie Tinney, of Bentfield, Bury, Stansted, wife of Wilfrid and mother of Hugh and Brian Scantlebury. Service at St. Mary's Church, Stansted, on Friday, October 31, at 2.30, followed by private cremation. Family flowers only.

WEBSTER.—Capt. George Webster R.N. (r'trd.), O.B.E., D.S.C. The Legion d'Honneur and The Order *of Orange Nassau* (Commandeur), in his 84th year at Bloemfontein Hospital, F.O.F.S. South Africa, on October 9th.

WILLIAMSON.—On October 25th, peacefully in Tunbridge Wells, Elsie Margaret Nicol Williamson. Enquiries Telephone 01-500 8231.

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STONE, BOB.—Funeral service at Woolacombe Church on Wednesday, 29th October, at 2.15 p.m., followed by private burial at Mortehoe. Flowers to Coombe Heights, Woolacombe Rise, Woolacombe.

MEMORIAL SERVICES

DREVER.—A memorial service for Professor Harold Drever will be held in the Collegiate Church of St Salvator, University of St Andrew's, *at 2.30 p.m. on Saturday*, 1 November, 1975.

EMDEN.—A memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel W. W. Emden, RE, former chairman of the East Sussex County Council and vice-chairman of the Sussex Police Authority, will be held at Hove Parish Church (All Saints), The Drive, Hove, on 5th November, at 12 noon.

HURCOMB.—A memorial service for the life and work of Lord Hurcomb, GCB, KBE, will be held on Wednesday, 5th November, 1975, at St Margaret's, Westminster, London, at 12 noon.

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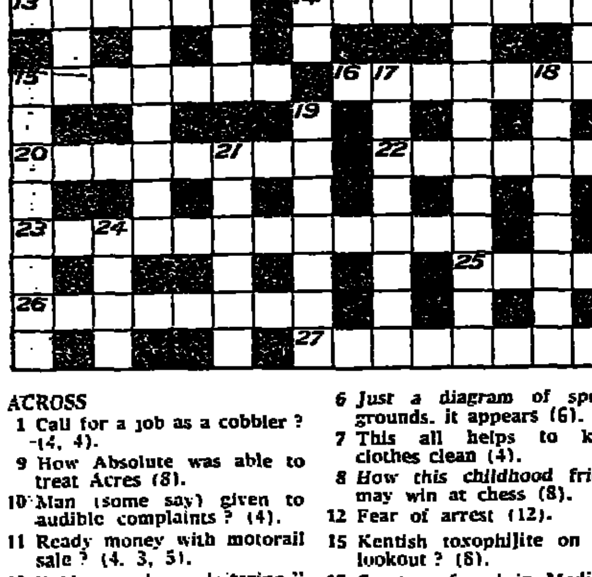
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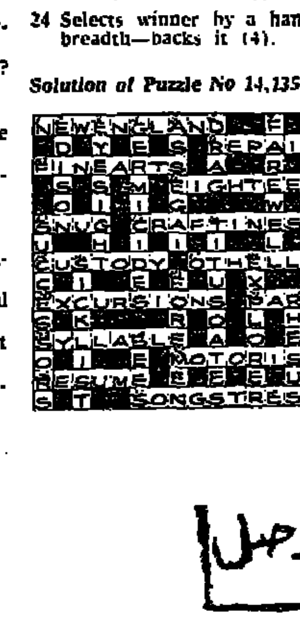
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1 Call for a job as a cobbler? (4, 4).
9 How Absolute was able to treat Acres (8).
10 Man (some say) given to audible complaints? (4).
11 Ready money with motorail sale? (4, 3, 5).
13 "A' one and —— loitering" (Keats) (6).
14 A *drop* is a form of dispersion (8).
15 Parted on a harsh note (7).
16 German City Engineer getting to the heart of the matter (7).
20 Wanders on without a leader to find shelter (8).
22 Experts on women's war-service about to leave (6).
23 Is the ship able to ring us? That's contentious (12).
25 One twice-sacred bird (4).
26 The feeling in the Welfare *State*? (8).
27 Not at all barren of significance (8).

DOWN

2 Defector from a river-country (8).
3 Locate electrode—it's vital for the plant (5, 7).
4 The timetable, Julian, is out of date (3, 5).
5 Hospital sign showing direction (7).
6 Just a diagram of sports grounds, it appears (6).
7 This all helps to keep clothes clean (4).
8 *How this childhood friend* may win at chess (8).
12 Fear of arrest (12).
15 Kentish toxophilite on the lookout? (8).
17 Creature found in Mediterranean bay, for example (8).
18 Quotation on one attic conversion (8).
19 A bit bony, Pat and Ella (4-3).
21 Has George changed from literature to art? (6).
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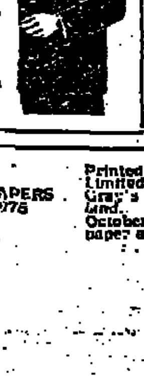
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